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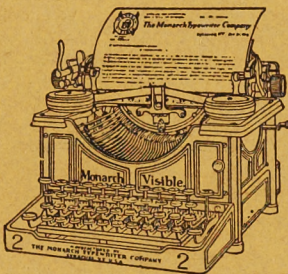


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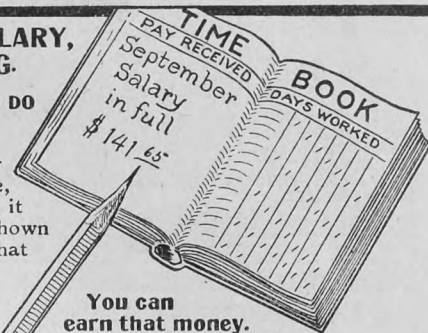
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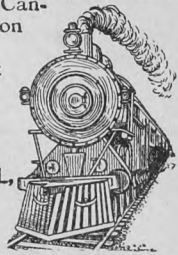


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EDITORIAL

The Case of Alberta

Natural conditions have militated against the marketing of Alberta's farm produce, especially her grains and cattle. The province is wedged in between six hundred miles of mountain ranges on the one side and twelve hundred miles of railway haul before lake front is reached on the other; the American boundary and high tariff on the south and two thousand miles of undiscovered territory on the north. With an anticipated wheat yield of twenty million bushels for 1909, most of which must be shipped as surplus, the problem of getting this grain cheaply and with reasonable dispatch upon the world's markets, without any artificial handicap, is one that is not easily solved.

When Alberta and all western Canada have passed the pioneer stage of growth, the natural conditions which are now such a handicap to distribution will operate to the advantage of the producing classes. The very conditions which now make marketing expensive will tend to make the province self-sufficient and to establish large commercial centres within her own boundaries which might otherwise be located elsewhere. Such a condition, of course, is not as advantageous as a location where there is free access to the world's markets, both for selling and buying, but it is much better than the restricted conditions which the nature of things imposed upon the early settlement of the province.

Alberta has the further advantage of being naturally provided with alternatives. It comes as something of a great commercial discovery that grain can be transported more cheaply from Alberta points to British markets by another route than eastward across the American continent and the Atlantic ocean. Nor does the Pacific route alone exhaust Alberta's possible outlets. That province will profit as much as any by the establishment of the Hudson Bay route which will give summer transportation cheaper than is now enjoyed by Manitoba, and in winter the Pacific route is

cheaper than can possibly be expected by rail to Atlantic ports and ocean to Liverpool. In time, commiseration for Alberta's "splendid isolation" will give way to ardent envy.

Waiting for Conditions to Improve

It is likely there will always be men in this country who can see money in no other line of farming but grain growing; men who hold the belief that dairying is simply enslavement to the cow; stock-raising exists merely for the enrichment of the middlemen in the meat business; and other lines of agriculture carried on to the advantage of someone other than the man engaging in it. The majority of men are always content to wait until conditions in any industry are just right before they venture to engage in it. The result is that some have to wait a remarkably long time, in fact, spend most of their lives waiting, and then shuffle off before the large opportunity they have been looking for arrives. Waiting for conditions to improve is a poor way of effecting improvement.

Take conditions in live stock raising as an example. The great majority of the farmers in this country are firmly convinced that live stock of any kind offers rather slim money-making possibilities. Cattle are too low in price to pay for the feed consumed in making beef, and hogs are generally regarded as the most forlorn hope of all. Yet here and there, all over this western country, we find farmers who are raising cattle profitably, men who are making money in hogs, in dairying, in poultry, in lines of farming other than the production of wheat. Recently, we published the experiences of cattle feeders in various parts of the west—in Alberta particularly—experiences which tend to show that even in the present unsatisfactory circumstances surrounding the marketing of cattle in this country—and everybody admits readily that our live stock markets may be vastly improved upon—it is possible to turn grain and fodder into beef, and make, not only market returns on the feed consumed, but a profit covering a good deal more than the cost of the labor involved in effecting the transformation. Last week, one of our home-steaders contributors explained his method of making money from cows on a pioneer farm, and in this issue, representative farmers in the three provinces discuss the profitable raising of hogs. The majority of them are making money in the hog business.

These men explain how they have overcome some of the difficulties in these industries, have demonstrated in a practical way that profit in these lines is possible. Simply theorizing on the conditions of the live stock trade will be a long time making any improvement in it. Successful agitation has to have a practical basis. It required more than theorizing to

place the grain trade on a basis having any semblance of being equitable. It required grain first of all. We imagine our live stock trade will develop in much the same way, that the men now producing stock and making money at it are doing more to improve conditions in the live stock trade than anyone else concerned in it. The market for live stock in Western Canada is not all it should be, by any means. But we can produce beef and pork at less cost than that at which the cattle and hogs, that sell for higher prices in the east and south, are produced. It has been demonstrated again and again that the right kind of cattle fed and finished properly will turn grain and fodder into beef profitably, that there is a demand for them. When the right kinds are produced in sufficient numbers, there will be plenty of buyers for them. For the first twenty years or so after this country was opened, farmers had difficulties without number to contend with in the marketing of wheat, they have quite a few yet that have to be removed. It was largely the increasing volume of wheat that induced improvement from the producer's standpoint in the grain trade. Agitation in that case had something real for a basis. The country had the wheat. There was something tangible to create markets for and a whole lot of intense earnestness behind the demand that grain marketing facilities should ensure something resembling a square deal for the man who produced and had grain for sale.

The Balanced Mental Ration

In this issue, Mr. George Langley, member of the Legislature for Redberry, describes a condition which unfortunately exists to the detriment of the country; namely, that young people, of the west particularly, do not read sufficient of the useful class of literature that is available. It might also be said that too much of the sensational trashy, "World News" is read. Young people find themselves possessed of a certain appetite for an intimate knowledge of the private lives of nobles and rich people, especially for those bits of "spicy," suggestive, newspaper stories concerning divorce, or of dare-devil capers in defiance of conventions and laws. Most of such newspaper "stuff" is pure fabrication over which humanity spends, in the total, years of time each day in reading, not to mention the money that is spent in subscriptions, printing, telegraphing, and compiling.

Just why we should choose to idle our time and waste our energies over reading that which neither enlarges the understanding, nor quickens the imagination, is one of the problems that humanity is continually propounding.

Sometimes it does one good just to put oneself in the place of the man who concocts the newspaper tales of depravity of fashion, of in-

dolence and of all the numerous subjects that are "played up" for the reading public. Consider the estimate such a man puts upon the intelligence of his readers; also consider the estimate the publishers of such material put upon public intelligence; consider whether such an estimate is a compliment or an insult to the average mind, and treat the product of literary prostitutes and traducers accordingly.

This question of the food of the growing mind is not a matter that may be treated indifferently. True, we are living in an age when machinery saves a man much mental and physical effort and, consequently, mental and physical decline is not so strikingly apparent, but it should be remembered at what an expense of human energy every advanced step in mental progress has been attained and how easy it is, by simply neglecting, or by idle mental frivolity, to lose what has been so dearly gained. The progress of the human family is due to an evolutionary effort from within and unless that effort is continually exerted, humanity suffers. Can anyone question, then, the monetary and social importance of serious reading and thought?

Signs of Returning Markets

Men with their fingers on the pulse of the live stock trade feel convinced that the market prices for live cattle and hogs are about to rise. In the pure-bred branch of the business, some definite signs of improvement were observed at the sales in Toronto early in the month, when the record price, in Canada, for a female at auction was made on the two-year-old heifer, Pleasant Valley Jilt, which sold for \$2,500, and where averages on herd consignments went up to \$274, \$306 and \$572.

In the west, breeders report steady enquiry for thick, meaty breeding stock and among commercial cattlemen there are evidences that the trade will stand more development. We have the spectacle of packers preparing to attend the winter fair at Brandon with the object of discussing the producing feature of the business and also of one packing house taking an extensive live stock census of the whole west, preparatory to making plans for extensions and to a campaign upon general topics relating to production among farmers.

Behind these somewhat superficial signs, there is the striking fact that the world is short of stock for meat purposes, and not of stock alone, but of all food materials, with what are called "good times" fairly prevalent. These conditions, more than anything else, are what make live stock-raising profitable and the man who wants to be on the ground when a good thing happens, had better have his eye on the commercial weathercock.

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According to the Bureau of Census and Statistics, the average value of farm land for all the Provinces of Canada is \$35.70 per acre. In five Provinces it is placed under \$30, being \$27.30 in Manitoba, \$25 in Nova Scotia, \$21.40 in New Brunswick, \$20.40 in Saskatchewan, and \$18.20 in Alberta. In Prince Edward Island, the average is \$33.70 per acre, in Quebec \$41.90, in Ontario \$47.30, and in British Columbia \$76.10. The average value of horses is computed at \$46 for those under one year, \$100 for those one to under three years, and \$143 for those three years and over. Milch cows average \$34, ranging from \$29 in Prince Edward Island, to \$36 in Ontario, and \$48 in British Columbia. Swine are estimated at \$5.86 per cwt. live weight, and sheep at \$5.23 per head. The total value of farm animals in the Dominion, computed on the foregoing averages and the number of animals on the farms in June, is placed at \$530,000,000.

HORSE

The question for discussion this week is: Should farm horses be clipped before being put to the spring work on the land? Letters discussing the subject will be published in the March 10th number. The regular rules will apply, \$3.00 for the best article and \$2.00 for the second. Letters should reach us by March 3rd.

This week the letters in the competition are published in the stock department.

Shoeing Colt

Colt 2½ years old was kept in box stall mostly all the time. The heels of hind feet grew high and straight, and the toes broke off, leaving feet short and high, and he is inclined to stand and walk on his toes. To save the toes, he was taken to the shop to be shod. He was shod with high-heel calkins and no toe calkins, with shoes long behind and short in front. Was this the proper way to shoe him?

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Ans.—He has been shod so as to intensify the trouble you are endeavoring to correct. This manner of shoeing sets him more than ever on his toes, and tends to cock the ankles. The heels of the feet should be rasped down as much as they will stand, but the toes must not be shortened. Then, flat shoes should be nailed on; shoes that fit the feet, not long at either toe or heel. He should be given regular exercise. If necessary, very low calkins, the same height at toe as at heel, may be added, but unless necessary on account of ice, it will be better to have no calkins. The toe must be allowed to grow a reasonable length, and the heels kept low.

WHIP.

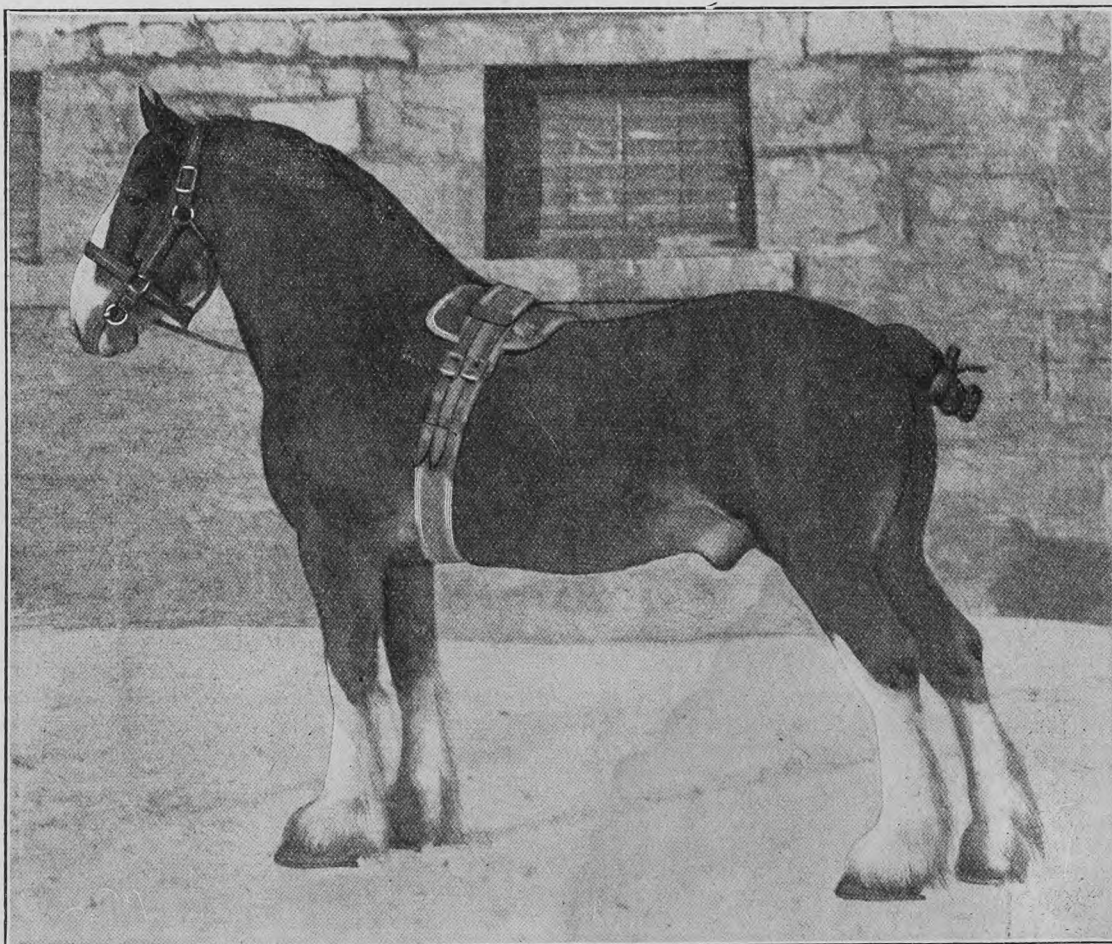
Clydesdale Registration and Import Regulations

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

Your issue of January 7th contains a contribution from your Scottish correspondent, "Scotland Yet," in which comment is made on the regulation regarding free custom entry into Canada of horses for the improvement of stock. The condition of free entry is a simple matter. In the case of Clydesdale horses, to which your correspondent refers, Canadian certificate of registration is required for presentation to customs authorities at the port of entry. In the event of Canadian certificates not being presented, duty has to be paid whether the horse is eligible or not eligible for registration in the Clydesdale Studbook of Canada. Registration in the Canadian book and free custom entry are synonymous in so far as the subject under discussion is concerned.

It would seem that in addition to your correspondent not understanding the present Canadian custom regulation, which came into force on July 1st, 1908, he is not clear on the conditions under which Clydesdale horses are admitted to registration in the Canadian Studbook. To take effect on July 1st, 1907, a regulation, well known to many of your readers, was enacted by the Clydesdale Horse Association, providing that an animal, imported from Great Britain, to be eligible for entry in our Studbook had to be recorded and numbered in the Scottish book, as well as his sire and dam and his grandsires and grandams.

When the Canadian book was established in 1886, it was thought best to make it complete in itself, by recording all ancestors of imported animals back to foundation, as recorded in the Scottish book. From that time until July 1st, 1907, the Scottish book was accepted in its entirety, and when the new standard for imported animals was made there was no occasion to discontinue the recording of ancestors; recording in the Canadian book means the numbering as well as the publishing of the pedigree. It may not be known to Canadians generally that numerous pedigrees appear in the Scottish book with a cross of part Shire breeding. These Shire crosses are on record in the Scottish book, but are not numbered. In the Canadian book these Shire crosses are on record numbered, but merely as ancestors, no certificates, under any circumstances, being issued. The Shire cross appears in the Canadian Studbook printed in italics to avoid any misunderstanding as to breeding.



IMPORTED CLYDESDALE STALLION DIADEM (12550).

Sire MacRaith, dam Hecuba by Baron's Pride six years old, property of B. Rothwell, Hillsdale farm, Ottawa.

The importation to which your correspondent refers was a mare and her foal, consigned by the Seaham Harbor Stud to J. J. Sproule, of Minto, Man. The mare, Miss Minto (20871), has six crosses; the first four are Clydesdale, the next one by a son of Darnley (222), out of a Shire mare, and the sixth Clydesdale. In order to get the two recorded dams necessary to make Miss Minto eligible and entitled to free custom entry, the Shire cross would require to be numbered, which the authorities of the Scottish book do not see fit to do, although this part Shire cross, "Cliftes," is on record in the Scottish book (Vol. 22, p. 65). Canadian registration, carrying with it free custom entry of the foal was not refused, she having the required number of sires and dams. The statement of your correspondent in this particular is entirely misleading. Duty was not demanded on the foal, the Canadian certificate being in the hands of the Donaldson Steamship Company, who had the consignment in hand. We understood from the Donaldson people that Mr. Sproule refused the mare, not the foal. The fact of the foal being recorded was why fees were not demanded. Miss Minto, the dam, as well as other ancestors of the foal, was recorded and numbered for the reason before stated. The absence of a Canadian certificate for Miss Minto, to which she was not entitled, was the reason why free custom entry was denied.

Your correspondent would lead one to believe that Canadians who have been in Scotland recently for importations do not understand the Canadian registration conditions or the relation between the Canadian National Records and the Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada. We think he is in error regarding the first mentioned statement, or that he means that these gentlemen were not familiar with the custom regulation, which may have been the case with some Canadian importers who were in Scotland when the regulation came into effect on July 1st, last. We believe these gentlemen thoroughly understood the regulation; what they feared was being put to some inconvenience at the port of entry. As to the relationship between the National Records and the Clydesdale Association, it is so well known to Canadians generally that explanation here is not necessary.

Letters written to us by Mr. Archibald MacNeilage, Secretary of the Scottish Book, lead us to believe that a great deal of trouble is with the breeder in Scotland who cannot or will not understand the Canadian requirements. We wrote Mr. MacNeilage, asking him if pedigrees of animals intended for export to Canada were examined in his office, with a view of determining eligibility for our record, explaining to him that we had been compelled to reject a number, the consequence of which was that duty had to be paid to get entry into Canada. He replied that when enquiries WERE made if pedigrees conformed to our regulations that the parties were given full particulars. In the capacity of editor of the *Scottish Farmer*, Mr. MacNeilage has over and over again written articles explaining our regulations, pointing out their significance, given samples and illustrations of what are and what are not eligible for our records, and yet when all is done, men who ought to be able to understand what is said and written are found shipping ineligible horses. It is to be inferred that it is not Canadian importers who are referred to in these articles in the *Scottish Farmer*, but shippers in the Old Country.

Writing to us of the refusal of free custom entry to Miss Minto, the mare referred to in your Scottish Letter, Mr. MacNeilage said it would seem that cases of this kind were the only effective way of teaching shippers the requirements of the Canadian regulations.

It will thus appear that Mr. MacNeilage thoroughly understands the Canadian regulations, and is doing all he can to prevent horses being shipped to Canada that will not pass the customs free. "Scotland Yet" has evidently not profited by Mr. MacNeilage's articles, written in the *Scottish Farmer*, for he evidently does not understand when an animal is eligible for registration in our book, or that Canadian registration means free custom entry to foreign horses.

In connection with this whole matter, the question arises whether it would not be advisable for the Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada to pass a regulation requiring that a tabulated import certificate be provided by the Scottish authorities showing the necessary numbered ancestors. If this were done, no mistake or misunderstanding could be possible, either regarding eligibility or free custom entry.

Referring again to your correspondent's letter, we feel that he has, without familiarizing himself thoroughly with the circumstances of Canadian registration, done us a gross injustice by stating that perhaps the refusal of the mare mentioned was due to a clerical error in this office.

We have endeavored to make the whole matter clear, but if "The FARMER'S ADVOCATE," "Scotland Yet," and other of your readers desire more information, we shall be pleased to exhaust the subject still further, as it is our desire at all times to do what we can to make all matters connected with registration of pedigrees, and the relation registration bears to importations, clear to all.

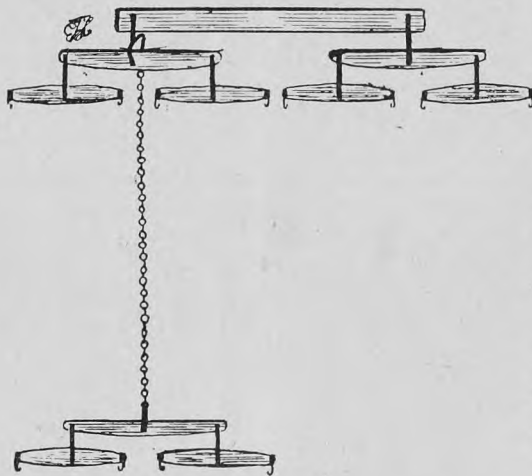
JNO. W. BRANT.

Secretary, Record Committee.

Six Horse Hitch and Four Horse Lines

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

I am sending you a drawing of a set of six horse plow whiffletrees which I have used for several years and have found them very satisfactory, as none of the horses walk on the plowing. The iron evener is upright, with tandem rod clevised to the bottom end and a double tree on top end. The evener should be slightly curved and both end holes exactly the same distance from the center hole. I prefer this plan to working horses abreast as they do not crowd and are cooler in warm weather and with six horses on, one can fasten a section of harrows behind and do two jobs at once. This rig can also be used for five

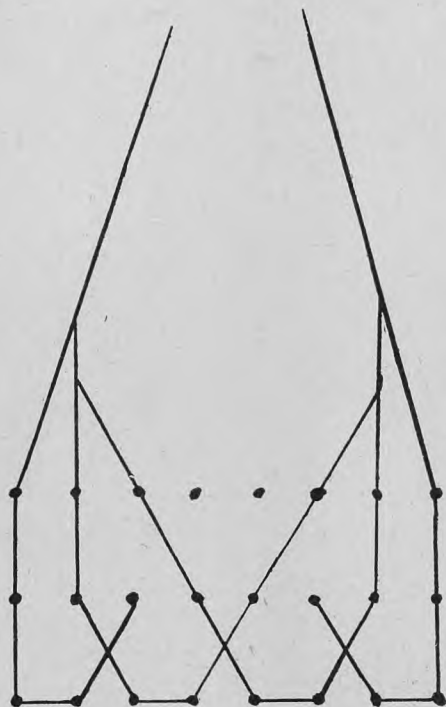


horses by putting a five foot evener on the plow and giving the third horse behind, 4 feet of evener and the 4 horses 1 foot.

I am also sending my plan of four horse lines, which I think are far ahead of the plan in a recent issue of your paper, for the reason that one horse tossing his head cannot jerk himself and the other three, as is certain to be the case when they are all fastened from bit to bit. I would hate to be a center horse in that man's team when the flies are bad.

Man.

H. M.



"I very much appreciate Mr. Bradshaw's article on "A System of Farm Book-keeping" contained in the issue of January 27th."

Regina.

W. J. B. C.

STOCK

Answer to Question Competition

The question to be answered in this week's issue is: Do you consider it would pay the average farmer to go in more for hogs? Tell how to handle hogs on the average farm. A number of the replies received are published herewith. The first prize of \$3.00 is awarded to Mr. A. J. Loveridge, Eastern Saskatchewan, second to Mr. L. H. Grabham, in the same section of the province. The articles received were all very creditable and the ideas on hog-raising offered by our contributors will, we think, be of some considerable value to those whose experiences in this line of farming have not been altogether satisfactory. Those replying to this question are scattered over the entire prairie west, and with only one exception, which, by the way, is printed herewith, are agreed that hog-raising, even under present unsatisfactory marketing conditions, may be made to pay. They tell how they have done it too.

A Saskatchewan Farmer's Experience with Hogs

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

Referring to your request for short articles on "Profitable hog-raising by the average farmer," I would like to tell how I raise them successfully and with profit. About six years ago, it was my pleasure and profit to attend a stock-judging school at Indian Head where I learned how to select a hog of the bacon type, and also got some pointers on the breeding, feeding and management of hogs. Returning home, I looked over my Berkshire sows and concluded that they were of good type and conformation. Although I had been farming for many years, I had not specialized in hogs, but since then I have spent considerable thought and time on their care and management and with such success that I always secure the highest prizes at the local show for hogs in their classes. Of late years, I have been using a good Tamworth boar on my Berkshire sows with good results. I get good litters of strong, growthy pigs of a type which are eagerly sought after by the buyers and bring the top price.

As to whether it pays the average farmer to raise hogs depends on: 1st, the class of hogs he raises; 2nd, how he feeds and cares for them; 3rd, whether he can produce, or buy, food at a reasonable price; 4th, whether he has water handy and the conveniences for feeding easily and quickly, with a run for the pigs and some shelter; and last, but not least, will the price he can obtain for them be profitable?

I do not think there is much profit in raising summer hogs under five cents per pound live weight, or 7 cents per pound dressed, and a cent a pound more for winter hogs.

There is much trouble and difficulty in raising these latter on account of the steady and, at times, severe cold, which freezes the food in the troughs. The past few years, I have raised two litters a year, the first in February or March and the other in August. I try to have the sows in good condition when they farrow, having given them lots of exercise, and fed them heavily while they are suckling their litter. When a sow is about to farrow, I give her a stall in the middle of the cow stable, that is, in the winter. When the pigs are about five weeks old I begin feeding them on milk (if obtainable) with some shorts, mixed thin so they can drink it. I wean them at eight or ten weeks, feeding at first four or five times daily, gradually increasing their rations and getting them used to eating chop, and to three meals a day with all they will eat up clean.

I do not believe in keeping these hogs more than 6 or 8 months, and they should then weigh 200 to 250 pounds each, live weight. To do this, they have to be fed liberally from the start. Keep a good curl on their tails. I have an enclosure made with hog fencing about 2 feet high, and have very little trouble keeping them in. I enclosed some maples and cottonwoods for shade trees, which had been set out four years and were 7 or 8 feet high, and found that, although the pigs have rooted among the trees, and turned up the roots and it looked as though the trees would be destroyed, they continue to

grow and are today some of the best trees I have, and afford a fine shade from the sun. The cottonwoods are about 18 feet high and 16 to 18 inches circumference and were set out in 1902 as seedlings. This year I intend to change the fence and enclose some more trees for them to cultivate, for I find they need fresh ground to dig up.

I have a piggery in which the feed is kept, and where all the pigs come in to feed through one door, and they then can go to their respective troughs through openings just large enough to admit pigs of one size, in that way the smaller ones are not bossed and kept from the troughs by the bigger pigs. Arranged in this way, they can be fed very easily and quickly. I grow a piece of rape (Essex Dwarf) near the enclosure and cut and throw some over to them at noon. Handled in this way, I have had very little trouble with hogs losing the use of their legs.

Last year, I raised twenty-one; they were fed on shorts at first, and afterwards on frozen wheat exclusively, and fed heavily, but not one went lame. I always have the grain ground, if possible, and then some is soaked for 24 hours, and sometimes put into the trough dry, and water poured over. At six months old exactly, after getting first prize for them, they were sold and weighed 217 pounds each, and the other two litters, later on, at 8 months, weighed 250 and 260 pounds each, respectively. These hogs were not fed stock food or pampered in any way, but, part of the time, were somewhat neglected. During the hot weather, pigs should be provided with plenty of good water and shade.

Four years ago, I raised 24 hogs and kept an account of the cost of food and the cash received from the sale of them. They were fed on shorts, some milk, then on oats and barley, ground, and lastly on bin-burned wheat, fed whole.

The shorts cost \$18.00 per ton for 3 tons. I reckoned 80 cents per bag for oats and barley and 10 cents per bag for chopping, and the wheat cost 50 cents per bag.

A total cost of \$135.00. I began killing the pigs when they dressed over 100 pounds, and the heaviest was 180, average 143 pounds. Total weight of pork was 3,429 pounds and the average price was about 7½ cents. Total cash received \$251.00, leaving \$116.00 for cost of pigs, labor of feeding and marketing.

In conclusion, I would say, do not try to raise hogs—as I have known many do—unless you have plenty of food. They cannot be grown on prairie wool. I am feeding my sows on sugar beets and mangels and a small lot of chop this winter. I do not like oats, as there is too much hull, which is injurious to the digestive organs of the small pigs, unless fed with shorts or ground wheat.

Sask.

A. J. LOVERIDGE.

Uses Rape as a Summer Feed

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

I would like to express my views upon the question: "Do you consider it will pay the average farmer to raise more hogs?" Well, to begin with, I think it would, provided that the farmer goes about the business the right way. Now, my idea of the right way is this: That to raise hogs profitably with the present existing

state of the markets, he must certainly look about him for some cheaper feed than grain—even low grade grain—at the present prices. Of course I do not mean to say that he can raise hogs without a grain ration at all. I think a small grain ration is indispensable right along and, of course, to finish them for the market, it is practically the only feed. But I think the person who goes into the hog business should see to it that he provides plenty of green feed right through the summer, feed such as rape, clover, or whatever he finds to answer his purpose the best. Personally, I find rape to be the best for the spring litters. Coming to fall pigs, which I think will pay if handled right, and by that I mean they should have lots of roots for winter feeding. I might say that I find mangels fill the bill pretty well. It is a well-known fact that winter pigs cost considerably more to raise than those farrowed in the spring, but I think most farmers will admit that the markets are, as a rule, much better in the spring than in the fall. That has, at least, been my experience.

Now a few words upon the way to handle hogs upon the average farm. I suppose everyone has a certain way of his own, which no doubt he thinks suits his own circumstances very well. This is my plan, at any rate, and anyone may take it for what it is worth. I like to have the spring litters arrive about the beginning of March, which I consider is quite late enough, as I always try to get them on the market as long before the following freeze-up as possible. My experience has been that after freeze-up, hogs begin to take the downward road in price, if they are going to fall at all. I find that if the sow has a fairly comfortable pen, the litter will get along all right, even if it is a trifle cold, when they are born.

The system I generally adopt for running the youngsters through the growing period of their lives, is to run them over a patch of rape that is enclosed with portable fence, also feeding them the dairy refuse and a light grain ration such as shorts, or a mixture of ground oats and barley. I also furnish each pen with a small portable house to shelter in, running from 10 to 12 in each pen. I might say that I got the idea from the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, and I have proved it to be a great success. I construct the hurdles, also, from a plan you published about 2 years ago. The only thing to avoid in pasturing rape is not to give the pigs the chance to eat it too close, as I find that they will even take out the roots, if not moved frequently. It is surprising how quickly the rape will spring up again and furnish another crop of cheap feed. I have heard some people complain that their pigs would not take to rape very readily, but I can say that I never had that trouble with my own.

And now, in conclusion, I would like to say that after the farmer has contrived to raise his hogs as economically as he can, that I do not consider he is getting fair treatment at all at the hands of the packers. It is my firm belief that the middleman is the one who is getting the biggest part of the profit, and I think that he is the least entitled to it. Why should not the producer realize a more steady price for his hogs, when the packer does for his bacon and lard? It seems to me that the packers are able to regulate prices very much to their own advantage.

Sask.

L. H. GRABHAM.

Raises Summer Pigs Only and Pastures on Alfalfa

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

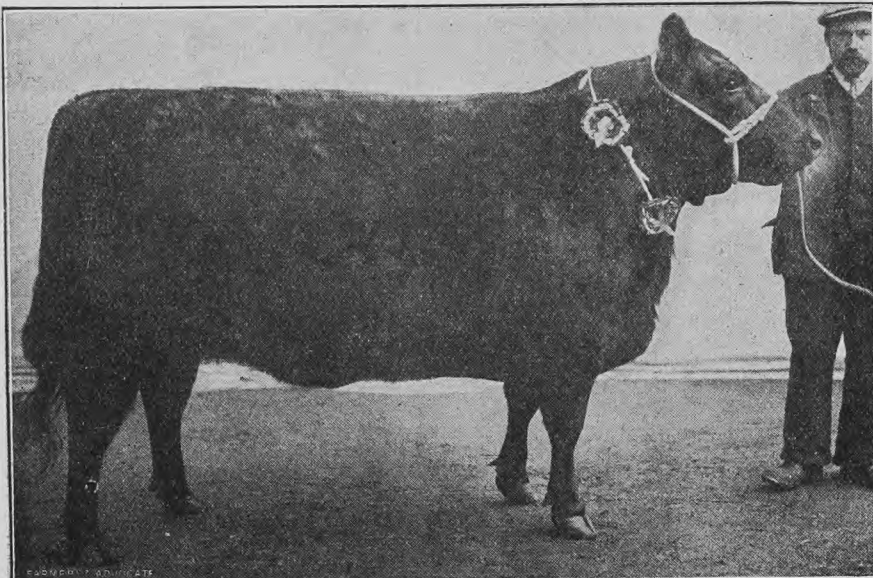
Before going on with a discussion of this question, I would like to say a few words on hogs in general and hog-raising as it is carried on by the average western farmer. To my mind, the hog stands alone as receiving more abuse than any other farm animal we have. For the first six or eight weeks of the average hog's life, while he is following his dam, he has a fairly good time of it, but after that, the manner in which he is penned and fed is not calculated, as a rule, to aid him in making the greatest profit for his owner. I have seen, and no doubt most of your readers have also, six or eight pigs, probably more, kept in pens not more than 14 feet square, for months at a time, in filth up to their eyes, and getting only about half enough feed. I have seen them confined within wire enclosures without covering above or straw beneath. The rains would pour upon them and they grew not; the sun would blister down on them and still they grew not. What scant feed such pigs received would just about keep them alive, and I have seen hogs kept in such conditions as these, weighing, when a year old, no more than they should at four months. I have seen them at six months of age so small that one could carry two or three at a time. That kind of hog-raising does not pay.

I believe, however, that it would pay the average farmer to go in more for hog-raising, provided he handled his stock properly. I am writing from my own experience in raising hogs in Saskatchewan and would advise handling hogs thus:

Keep only young gilts during the winter months, and a good pure-bred boar. I do not think it pays to raise pork in the winter. The average farmer has not suitable quarters for his hogs in winter, and in those circumstances the fewer he has about him the better. Feed the young sows enough ground grain, house slops and skim-milk, if there are any, to keep them in good condition, thrifty and growing, but not too fat. Let them run out at will so that they will secure plenty of exercise, and breed them to farrow not later than the middle of March, or beginning of April.

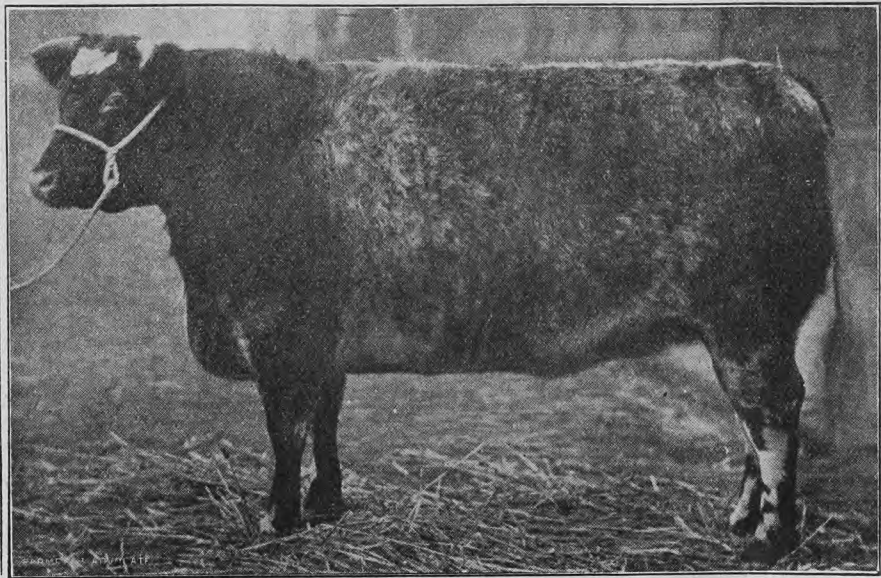
When farrowing time comes, provide the sows with suitable pens, warm and dry, and be sure to separate them a week at least, before they are due to farrow. If they are allowed to run all together, you are likely to find a number of the pigs smothered. The farrowing pen should be protected at the sides by a rail, eight inches or so from the wall and about a foot from the floor. This is to prevent the sow from squeezing and killing a stray pig that may get between her and the wall. At the time of farrowing the sow's bowels are inclined to become costive, so it is advisable to give a little grease in the feed for a day or two to relieve her. She should be fed sparingly for a few days. Too much bedding should not be kept in the pen, but should be changed frequently to keep it dry. Gradually bring her on to full rations, feeding all she will eat up clean.

After the first 8 or 10 days, let the sow out, and the young pigs with her. They will get on the sunny side of the building and no matter if several litters are out at once, there is no danger of



HER MAJESTY 5TH OF CULLEN

Pure-bred Aberdeen-Angus heifer, two years old, champion fat animal at the Smithfield Show, 1908.



DAISY 5TH

Champion Shorthorn heifer at Edinburgh and Smithfield Shows.

them becoming mixed up. They will always find their own dams.

As soon as the pigs are old enough to eat, provide them with a shallow trough in a place where the sow cannot get at it. Give them a little milk, and after a few days add some shorts. When the litter is about 8 weeks old, I would wean them and as soon as the sows are dried up, start feeding them for market. I believe in keeping a sow for one litter only. This plan may seem out of place with some people, but I do not think it pays to raise fall litters, and it does not pay to keep a sow for one litter a year.

After the pigs have been weaned it will be about the end of May. The sows will be rather thin at this time, but if fed well for two months, they should weigh at least 300 pounds each. The sows then would be 14 or 16 months of age and should make at least \$15.00 each. This may seem a little heavy, but I have had litters of ten average over 200 pounds at 6 months.

Then as to the management of the young pigs: I provide two hog pastures, one for the sows to run in for the two months they are feeding for market and the other one for the young pigs. I pull an empty granary into the pasture, where most pigs are, to put their feed in, and have barrels in the granary to soak the grain in. At the end of two months, the sows now being sold, I let the young pigs have the run of the two pastures. The feed of the pigs up to this time consists of shorts mixed with ground barley and oats. Now I drop out the shorts and feed barley and oats or feed wheat, feeding liberally. At the same time they will spend an hour or two each day in the alfalfa. I used to be amused last year at my pigs eating alfalfa. Just at sundown each day they would leave the pen and start for the alfalfa. They would keep at it until after dark.

As time goes on and the pigs are growing and the alfalfa getting short, we must supply something else. We must have a patch of sugar beets (hogs like sugar beets) growing right beside the pasture, the more hogs, the bigger the sugar beet patch, and we keep piling those beets over the fence twice a day up to about the middle of October.

The pigs are now 6½ or 7 months old and should weigh 180 to 200 pounds each. I then sell every pig, keeping only what I want myself for pork and enough of the best sows in the bunch for breeders. The same boar should not again be used. Buy a new one or trade off the old one for another.

Fall litters do not do well with the average farmer. They get stunted and crippled. I believe my plan, which I have tried to outline here, will, if followed out, enable a man to make money out of hogs.

Sask.

PHILIP LEECH.

Grain Farmer Should Keep out of Hog Business

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

In reply to your question, "Would it pay the average farmer to go in more for hogs?" I should think the subject would have to be considered from two standpoints depending upon the nature of the district to which the farmer belonged. In a district like our own, where the land is eminently adapted to wheat growing I think the number of hogs the average farmer can profitably raise, above what are required for home use, is very limited indeed. To my mind one of the primary essentials to successful hog raising, is a plentiful supply of skim-milk or buttermilk. This, on a wheat farm, where usually not more cows are kept than are required for the house, is an impossibility. Lecturers and farm papers tell us that this is a mistake—that dairying is profitable, and that we should keep more cows and feed steers, to keep up the fertility of our land, but from personal experience I know something of the work involved and beef will have to be worth a good deal more than 3, or even 4, cents a pound before many of us do much along this line, not at least, while we can raise 25 to 40 bushels of No. 1 Northern to the acre.

As to dairying, on a great many of the wheat plains, ice and water, (those two great essentials to successful butter-making) are conspicuous by their absence, except in very limited quantities, and this alone would prove a very effectual deterrent to embarking in that line. Now in Ontario I was at one time very successful in raising hogs at from 3½ to 4 cents per pound while I had a good supply of milk from the dairy; but I afterwards went in for Shorthorns, pure-bred and grade, allowing the cows to suckle their calves, and selling the latter at 24 to 27 months as baby beef. From that time, I never could raise hogs at less than 5 cents per pound, even under better conditions as to housing, etc., than formerly, and with a plentiful supply of turnips, mangels and clover. Therefore, I say, for the man in the wheat district—let hogs alone, except it be two or three at a time just

to use the waste from the house or unsaleable grain, and supply pork for the family. If he is a stockman by choice, he will find an exceedingly profitable outlet for his taste in breeding good draft horses and he will benefit his farm by growing the hay and oats necessary for their keep, instead of relying entirely upon wheat.

For the man in a mixed farming district, however, it is quite a different story. He usually has a herd of cows, therefore, a supply of milk and buttermilk. He has the time to grow roots for winter feed and rape for summer. He usually has plenty of good water and his land is adapted to that best of all single grains for hogs—barley. I think any man in such a district who has 8 or 10 cows could profitably keep 30 to 40 hogs all the year round. To do this, he should have at least 3 good sows which should have unlimited exercise and not too warm winter quarters, except at farrowing. The bottom of a straw stack on the south side of the barn is first class. After farrowing, the sow should have a liberal allowance of slop, of which bran and milk should be the chief ingredients for the first two weeks or so, with heavier grain added gradually, till at about six weeks, the young pigs should be ready to wean. They should, by this time, have been taught to eat well for themselves—at first milk, then scalded shorts and milk, with later, some finely ground oats added. Barley, or other heavy grain, should not form the principal part of the ration till the pig is over 100 lbs. in weight, when, if he is getting plenty of milk and rape or roots, he may safely be allowed all the barley meal he will eat up clean three times a day. At 8 months, the hogs should weigh about 220 pounds each and are ready for market. If of a thrifty growing strain, they should be produced at a fair profit at anything over 5 cents per pound.

Sask.

WM. WRENSHALL.

An Alberta Feeder's Experience

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

Yes, I think it will pay the average farmer in this province to raise more hogs for the following reasons:

First. Because this is particularly a mixed farming country, and in order to keep up proper crop rotation, we must grow a fair amount of barley, which is especially valuable for hog feed.

Second. Because pork-packing plants are being installed throughout our country. This will be a great help to the hog-raising industry, by creating competition, saving the old expense of marketing and thus assuring better prices for the farmer.

My experience in breeding pigs leads me to favor cross-breeds for feeding. I would take a pure-bred Yorkshire sow and mate her with a pure-bred Berkshire boar. The Yorkshire sow makes a better mother than the Berkshire. She has larger litters and, as a rule, experiences less trouble in farrowing. The fact that she is a larger and more open pig gives her a great advantage in breeding qualities. She is a good milker, because she is a good feeder. By this I mean she has a very large food capacity, which gives her greater milk-producing power. The importance of these facts will become more clear when I deal with the handling of the litter. I do not recommend any one going further than the one cross. To reverse this cross, that is, to use the Berkshire sow and Yorkshire boar, would not serve the same purpose. You would be very likely to have serious trouble with your sows at farrowing time, for the simple reason that it would be very difficult for the Berkshire sow to give birth to the large-boned offspring of the Yorkshire boar.

Let us now look at this matter a little more closely. I would first carefully select the sow, and I think she ought to be from 12 to 15 months old, quiet, long bodied, and with full rows of teats; always the best that can be secured. The boar should be symmetrical in his build, and should have a pronounced masculine appearance. Any rheumatic affection should, in my judgment, disqualify a pig for breeding purposes. I am inclined, if any sow proves to be a good mother, to keep her for breeding purposes for, say, an average of four years. There is no reason why such a sow should not raise two litters during the season, by which I mean the time between the 1st of April and middle of August; for the balance of the year, after her second litter is weaned, she should be allowed to rest, being given the opportunity of much exercise during which time she will pick up the bulk of her living.

The following plan should be adopted in preparing and providing for the first litter, which should arrive not later than the 1st of April: A warm pen admitting lots of sunshine, with a dry, well-drained floor. Great care should be taken in providing bedding which should not be too plentiful and always short and chaffy. A good safeguard against the mother lying on her young is a 2x4 board nailed around the inside of the pen about 6 inches from the floor. When about two weeks of age, provide the litter with a good run, of course indoors. At four weeks, fix a little trough in their pen, so that the mother cannot reach it, and provide them at each meal with a little milk so that it will always be fresh. When they take this freely, a little shorts or middlings might be added. They may now be castrated at any time. The common course is to wean at this age, but this I consider a great mistake. The litter thrives much better when left with the mother for six weeks and the smaller ones should remain eight weeks. This serves the double purpose of assuring the drying

of the mother and the building up of the smaller pigs. Barley, chopped very fine, and soaked in swill or water, should now be fed and some of this fed all the time the pigs are on pasture to keep them growing their best.

By this time, there should be in readiness a small pasture of about an acre. This, divided in two, one-half sown to fall wheat or rye and the other half to rape, will provide good grazing for three months, when the first litter should be shut up for fattening purposes. They should be penned in a small yard with an indoor pen. Feed liberally with dry barley or wheat chops and provide with plenty of swill or water for drinking. If this is carefully carried on for a month the pigs should be ready for market, and should weigh at least 225 lbs. each, live weight. The second litter should be treated in the same manner, the second growth of green feed will provide ample pasture, and cullings from the garden will take the place of rape. The working of this method will involve a very small cash outlay.

Alta.

T. A. McMAHON.

Pastures Hogs on Brome Grass

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

Regarding this question of hog-raising, I would say that I believe it would pay the average farmer to go in more for hog-raising, at least, up to the limit of keeping two brood sows and raising the progeny from them. That number, would, I believe, be about as many as the average farmer could care for and manage profitably.

I like to have the sows drop their litters early in March, so that the young pigs will be in a good state of growth by the first of May and ready to go into pasture for the summer. Two sows ought to raise from fifteen to twenty pigs. Brome grass for pasture, ground oats as grain feed and skim-milk make about the cheapest feed I know of, and with the addition of plenty of clean drinking water at all times will make as healthy a lot of pigs as it is possible to have. When they are about five months old, they are put on a mixed ration of grain and roots, turnips, mangolds or carrots, and so fed, easily dress 200 or 250 pounds by October.

The sows can be bred the fourth day after farrowing and will drop another litter in July. These can be wintered over and sold the following spring when prices are usually high. During winter the pigs may be fed on coarse grain and roots and housed under a straw stack built close to the yard. A pen can be made by setting posts in the ground and running a few stringers across them to keep the straw from falling through. Then, by threshing a good stack of wheat and blowing the straw on top, one has good, comfortable winter quarters for the hogs, there is no labor required cleaning it out and the pen will always be dry, which is an essential thing for pigs in winter.

In starting into the hog business, a man should never commence with grade stock, as poor stock is not only hog in name, but exceedingly hoggish in nature. Poor stock never pays for the feed it consumes, to say nothing of the labor of caring for them. Purchase pure breeding stock, either Berks or Yorks, as I consider they are the most profitable breeds we have for early maturity. I breed only the pure-bred Yorks, as they are my fancy, but the first cross between the Berks and Yorks makes the quickest gaining hog. But a man should never breed from the crosses. If he does, his stock will deteriorate in quality. I do not think that any class of stock will go back more quickly than hogs so bred. Do not imagine that because they are from pure-breds of different breeds that they are pure-bred, as a gentleman did whom I once knew. He had a grade heifer he had brought from Ontario, the dam of which was Ayrshire and the sire Shorthorn. He always insisted she was pure-bred and could not be convinced he was in error. So do not be led astray by such faking, but stick to the breed you start with. Always use a pure-bred sire. But do not think that simply because an animal has a pedigree that he is all that could be desired. There are runts among the pure-breds, so get them from some reliable breeder, who will guarantee his stock. I once purchased a boar from the Government farm, thinking I was getting the best, but he was a runt and I had to make pork of him at once. It required a year, too, to make him 200 pounds. Start slowly in the hog business; raise what you can with profit; don't be hoggish, but be a hog to raise all you can profitably.

Sask.

C. MOULDING.

A Saskatchewan Feeder's Method

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

With regard to this question of keeping hogs, I do not think there is any class of stock that will increase so rapidly with as small an outlay. If a man goes into hog-raising and conducts his business properly, gives as much thought to the feeding, sheltering and pasturing of his hogs as he does to other stock, he is almost certain to make a success.

Two or three brood sows, bred so as to farrow two litters a year, will produce enough stock for the average farm. An acre of fall rye would furnish pasturage for quite a number of pigs and shoats during the forepart of the summer. The latter part of the summer could be provided for by sowing a mixture of peas, oats, clovers, giant spinach and rape. An

acre of mangolds or sugar beets would furnish cheaply a portion of the winter feed required. By pasturing hogs and using forage and root crops as much as possible for feed, one may finish them for market at much less cost than is possible if grain alone is used in feeding.

For the finishing off of hogs for market, barley is the most preferable grain. As farmers in all parts of the country will soon be compelled to raise barley in order to kill wild oats, there is never likely to be a scarcity in hog finishing feeding material.

Now as regards shelter: A few poles set up on end against a ridge pole, and covered with straw well packed around and over makes sufficient winter shelter for all good sized pigs. Young broods require a warm dry place. All wet litter should be removed daily from their pens and fresh dry straw put in. A good fence can be bought for 55 cents a rod which will effectually keep the hogs under control so far as going where they are not wanted, is concerned.

In my experience with hogs, the Yorkshires have proved most satisfactory. They are very careful mothers and have large litters. I also like to have my sows farrow in such a place that the pigs, when they are three weeks old or so, may have access, through a small aperture, to another pen where they may be fed at a small trough. Such feeding saves the sow and helps the pigs wonderfully. My own pigs at three weeks of age are eating shorts.

Sask.

D. A. PURDY.

Prefer Berkshire-Tamworth Crosses

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

In answer to this question: Do you consider it would pay the average farmer to go in more for hogs, I might say that I believe it would. I will outline what I have found to be the only way of raising them cheaply. I start feeding on shorts and milk, as the digestive organs of pigs will not stand stronger or coarser feed. Very little shorts will suffice, and getting the pigs started right is the main point in successful feeding.

My plan is to fence off with hog wire as large an area of land as is required for the number of hogs to be cared for. The enclosed land is sown to rape. When the crop is well up, which will be in the late spring or early summer, the hogs are turned in, and fed, in addition to the rape, the tailings (crushed) and spoilt grain that is on hand. They require very little grain during the summer. Then I have another pasture sown with peas, which I turn them into towards fall, always giving them plenty of clean water.

When the peas are finished, the hogs are penned up and fed on an average one sack of barley meal to each hog. By that time they are ready for market, will be about eight months old and ought to weigh 165 to 175 pounds. With prices at from \$4.75 to \$5.00 per hundred, hog raising pays, but a good deal depends on the breed. Always breed from pure-bred stock. I have had best results by crossing the Berkshire with the Tamworth, also from Yorkshire-Tamworth crosses.

Eastern Saskatchewan.

1882.

Lack of Markets a Serious Drawback

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

I have always raised a few hogs, and, as a rule, have not made much money out of them, although last summer I sold some for 7½ cents, dressed. I hauled, twelve hundred and fifty pounds to Saskatoon last week and received 5½ cents per pound for them, dressed. Now I lost money on that lot for the very reason that the butchers in these small towns pay just what they like. It won't pay the average farmer to raise hogs here, at least, until we have some way of getting the market prices. The average farmer can sell his barley for more than he can get out of his hogs after feeding it.

In the summer, I let my hogs run on a pasture of 1½ acres of rape and oats and one-half acre of brome grass. I change the fence every second year. In the fall I put the fall pigs in a warm sod house with a lumber floor and feed ground feed, that is, oats, barley and frozen wheat when the latter can be bought, also boiled feed. They do best on the boiled feed. I let the brood sows run. They come to the granary for feed and sleep in the straw stack in the yard. Just before farrowing I put them in a sod house with plenty of bedding and they do well. The early spring pig, with a good run of pasture, plenty of shade and good clean drinking water, are the only hogs that I can make anything out of.

Sask.

W. L. DAVIDSON.

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Olds, Alta.

H. WETTON.

FARM

Frost Losses May be Avoided by Exercising Care

At the recent seed fair at Regina, a lot of enlightening discussion in connection with grain growing was indulged in, but by reason of the scattered nature of the remarks, a full report was not given at the time. We have, however, collected the suggestions and statements made by Superintendent MacKay, Prof. Bedford and others, and present it here in narrative form.

Many districts in Saskatchewan and Alberta, and some in Manitoba were, the past two seasons, nipped by frost, to the financial hurt of the spring wheat growers in their respective sections. The time is now opportune to devise and discuss methods so that the farmers may avoid such serious losses year by year; briefly three courses are open to the up-to-date man and something may be said for each plan detailed below:

(a) Abandonment of spring wheat growing, substituting therefore the growing of oats, a plan which has proved remunerative in the Newdale district and other parts of Northwestern Manitoba.

(b) The planting of fall wheat, so far an experiment in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, but quite feasible in Alberta.

(c) The adoption of new methods in the cultivation of land for spring wheat.

The two first mentioned will have to be decided upon by the farmer according to the suitability of his land and local climatic conditions; the last will be found worthy of consideration in districts wherever Red Fyfe is grown.

Under the division (c) may be discussed the following points bearing on the important question, (1) preparation of the land for seed, (2) the kind of seed, (3) the depth at which to sow, (4) the quantity to sow, (5) the time to cut the crop, with especial reference to that portion of it intended for seed or for the market. This discussion will prove of value, particularly to the newer settlers, whether experienced, more or less, in agriculture in other portions of Canada, or in other countries, and to those people especially will the first point touched, viz: cultivation of the land, be of value. It may be stated broadly and distinctly that the virgin prairie should be broken and backset. Many newer settlers have tried the method introduced from the south, and have lost heavily thereby, viz: trying flax-crop cultivation on land to be sown to wheat, or in other words have attempted a short cut to bring large areas under crop, by breaking fairly deep and discing, and not backsetting. The provincial seed fair at Regina brought forth a lot of testimony against the short-cut plan. Superintendent Angus MacKay declared against it, backed up by twenty odd years of experiment, and many leading farmers spoke out in the meeting to the effect that while breaking and discing occasionally gave good results in wet years, yet, taken all in all, the method was not a very profitable one. Mr. MacKay's further statement "you may get one good crop by breaking and discing, but I defy you to, on the average, get a second, unless the land is first summer fallowed," was borne out by the results of 1908, especially in the country on the Soo Line, (C. P. R.) and to the West of the C. N. R. Prince Albert line. Space does not permit here to explain why, but a study of the principles governing the conservation of soil moisture will throw the necessary light upon the question. Having the land broken at a depth of three inches and later backset at five inches, it should, this spring be harrowed as early as possible, in fact, as soon as the frost is out sufficiently early to make an impression on the higher places. The crusts will be broken, sun and wind can get in their work, the lower spots will have soil drawn on to them, and the spots which are uncovered first will be given a dust blanket, and the necessary moisture to start the crop be thus saved. This attention will enable the seeding to take place a day or so earlier than would otherwise be the case, a gain not to be despised in a wheat growing and maturing period of 120 days in all.

2. It should hardly be necessary to say much regarding the seed after the splendid instruction and information disseminated by seed fairs. Briefly, the seed should be sound, plump and well matured, free from smut; if it measures up

to the standards, and is of strong germinating power, the young plant will be well nourished, be able to withstand early spring frosts or cold damp days. Some springs have been very severe on the young wheat plant, and have proved fatal to those grown from thin seed. In some years, three or four times has Nature administered a set-back, but as many times has the plant survived, due to the possession of the good store of nutriment laid up in the plump, sound berry sown. If the land is at all weedy, or heavy rains have fallen soon after seeding, a stroke with the light harrows will be found to be beneficial, it will destroy a large number of weeds, break the crust and thus prevent a waste of soil moisture which otherwise would go off in the air.

3. The depth to sow. A decade ago, two methods were followed, broadcast or by the press drill. The former, while a time-saving method, was slovenly and extravagant, and was generally followed by soil robbers, and not by farmers. Sown broadcast, a lot of the grain failed to germinate, through not being placed in contact with moisture, a considerable amount was devoured by birds; fortunately that method is a thing of the past, unless for seeding down to grass. The press and shoe drill is not yet dislodged from the farmer's implement store, although the single and double disc drills have a vogue increasing year by year. The first named, unless carefully managed, was liable to put the seed in too deeply, in fact down to the frost line, where germination was not possible. The strata (some six to seven feet thick) of frost underlying prairie farms during April, gradually diminishing and yielding moisture during May and June, is one of the prairie farmer's greatest assets, ensuring moisture for the growing crop, yet for all it is not advisable to have the seed chilled and germination hindered. Each farmer will need to decide for himself as to the depth; if put just to the moisture line, that depth will be correct, usually two or three inches from the surface on well worked land. Germination is only possible, if the trinity of physical forces, heat, moisture and air are given full play. If the seed is buried more deeply, the rootlets thrown out by the young plants will be found to seek the moisture line; time and plant energy will thus be lost, with seed buried rather than sown.

4. Quantity to sow: Opinions differ on this point yet it cannot be gainsaid that the advocates of thick seeding have the best of the argument. Stooling is a result of thin seeding, stooling means many stalks of varying degrees of strength, size and maturity, therefore, irregularity in quality, and ripening of the crop, further, stooling is nature's effort to repair an injury—if wheat is frozen off in June, it is well known how the plants stool vigorously. With thicker sowing, more single plants devoted to the one purpose, viz: the bearing of good heads is the result, and the crop is thus more satisfactory to the grower. Dr. S. J. Thompson, a noted and successful wheat grower in Manitoba, affirms his belief in thick sowing, and we also have the scientific testimony of John Garton. Four to five pecks of first class seed wheat is not sufficient on land in good condition; in fact on good back-setting, six to seven pecks of seed (before treating with formalin or bluestone) will give better results. The thicker sown crop will, on an average, beat the thin sown, other things being equal, by two to four days at harvest time and will also give a heavier yield of grain of better quality.

Seed should be either formalin or bluestone treated, the former method is preferred by many, being cheaper, more quickly and easily done, non-injurious to the germinating powers of the grain, and is harmless to live stock, which may happen to consume some treated grain. Bluestone, if of good quality, gives good results, but must be applied in a thorough manner.

5. It is rather early to discuss harvesting a crop before it is sown, and yet here again discussion of times and methods, should prove of value. Contention has been very animated over this question, the majority of farmers appear to agree that, except for seed, it pays to cut wheat a little on the green side. Experiments were conducted at the Brandon Experimental Farm years ago by Professor S. A. Bedford to determine this point, and, as a result, he advised cutting wheat on the green side, when the straw is ripened (yellow) up to the first joint, then to stook well in large round shocks (stooks) and cap them, sixteen to twenty sheaves to each stook. In a country with strong winds it is not advisable to let the crop stand until very ripe, or shelling and heavy

loss will result, on the other hand, grain intended to be used for seed should be allowed to mature before being cut.

If the methods recommended here are followed, a good early maturing crop may be secured. Although Red Fife is the standard and therefore to be preferred, the hybrids Preston and Stanley which mature five days earlier than the Fyfe will be best suited to the districts in Northern Manitoba, and along the main lines of the C. N. R. to Edmonton and Prince Albert.

Reading Makes a Strong Man

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

In your editorial "A Prime Essential" in which you call for more reading, you touch a weakness in our people which to a fairly well read man is apparent everywhere. I do not mean to imply that as a people we lack intelligence, such a charge would be grossly untrue. The individual effort which our peculiar social make-up enforces, cultivates natural ability to a degree which is unknown in older and more settled communities, but we are to a lamentable extent an unread people, and this fact constitutes a weakness fraught with results which cannot be too strongly or too repeatedly emphasized. If it is true that our civilization grows by digesting the lessons of the past, shunning past mistakes on the one hand, and on the other, laying hold of, clinging to, and enforcing those principles that experience has shown to be sound and helpful. How is this to be done if we do not by constant reading familiarize ourselves with the past? The greater need of reading is not so patent as it would otherwise be because of the restless activity of our Western life, our watchword is "up and at it," and until now we, in the west, have been composed mostly of young men and women, and further, we have hardly yet settled ourselves into a stable, social structure. We have rather worked with a reckless disregard of settled location, and consequently we have been on the jump to catch sight of a good thing, and so even our hours of ease and recreation have been spent in training ourselves for the next move. This being so, it is not at all difficult to appreciate the reasons that tell against our inclination to read, but at the same time, every thoughtful student must be filled with some concern at the probable result to us as a people, if this condition of things is continued. The man or woman, who, in growing age, finds comradeship in the stored-up wisdom of the past, whose physical decadence finds compensation in mental recreation and intellectual charm, looks with something approaching alarm upon the mass of young people who are laying up no store upon whose fountain of delights they might otherwise be able to draw, it must leave them to face a comparatively joyless old age. Nor is this all. We make it our boast that a broader sense of brotherhood is a marked characteristic of our day, but such a sentiment needs feeding, it was born of a truer knowledge of social economics of which such writers as Ricardo, Mill, Smith, and, to some extent, George, were the exponents, by a gentler humanity which poets like Tennyson, Longfellow, the Brownings and many others sung. To have growing up a generation that has no taste for these, or for the bracing thunder of Carlyle, the seductive charm of Ruskin, or the moral tonic of Wordsworth, is not exactly an entrancing outlook, for the reason also that we are a severely democratic people. The lad driving the oxen on the farm today may be—yes, should be—sitting, in the near future, in the legislative hall, and if widely read, with wise discernment, what possibility of service might not be hoped for from him. To such a man, legislation would not mean moving helplessly along an old rut, or hopelessly treading as his fathers trod. With a legislature composed of such men whose equipment was knowledge, tempered by a ballast of practical experience, there would be no thought of national achievement in which we might not hopefully indulge, and for the realization of which we might not hopefully strive. But after all, perhaps, Senator Ross was wrong, maybe a university is necessary to implant, to foster, and to cultivate a task for reading, or possibly the superabundant supply of reading matter has nauseated our youth and a university is needed to act the part of a literary fanning mill, so that, in their reading, our young people may not waste their time feeding upon husks. Whether this is so or not, there is not the slightest doubt that the crying need of this new land is for men and women of knowledge, the knowledge that largely comes from reading.

Sask.

GEO. LANGLEY, M. L. A.

Fall Wheat Does Well on Breaking

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

I think your reply to "H. R. H." in your issue of Jan. 27th, re sowing of winter wheat on new breaking, is rather misleading. I will give our experience for the past three years. We came here in March, 1906. After sowing what old land there was to spring grain, we broke 280 acres, 180 acres of which were sown to wheat, seeding beginning Aug. 5. The balance was sown, partly to oats and barley that spring, and sixty acres of the last ploughed left over until 1907 for oats. I might say that we got a better yield of oats in 1906 on the new breaking than we did on the sixty acres in 1907. I think this was because of the land becoming well rotted and causing a very rank growth of straw in 1907.

Coming back to the wheat in 1907, we harvested 30 bushels per acre from 160 acres, the balance being on low ground, having been flooded out in the spring. During 1907 we broke 200 acres, all of which, with the exception of ten acres in a slough, we sowed to winter wheat, together with 55 acres of summer fallow. From this, we threshed last fall ten thousand bushels, an average of forty bushels per acre.

This year we have 350 acres in wheat, 300 acres of which is on breaking done last June (1908) the balance summer fallow.

We have done all the breaking with horses, except one quarter section this last year, and aim to finish by the 15th of July or earlier if possible. We keep the disks as close after the plows as we can, disking four times, then going over it with packer and harrow, before drilling in seed. This year, we began seeding on the 25th of July so as to finish before harvest began, the grain ripening earlier this year.

Of course, the summer fallow, if properly done, will give the best results. We threshed 53 bushels per acre from one piece of fallow containing 38 acres. This land was plowed and cultivated, as nearly as we could, according to the directions of one of the government speakers who lectured here at Calgary during the previous winter. It was kept perfectly clear of weeds after being plowed early in the spring, by going over it frequently with the harrow, and was gone over twice with packer to make it as firm as we could, as it was very loose after the plowing.

Last year we sowed oats and barley on the previous year's wheat land. We threshed 45 bushels barley and sixty bushels oats. One result we noticed was that there was less straw, especially on the oats, than there was in 1907, when the oats were the first crop taken off breaking done in 1906. I might say that others had equally as good results from sowing on breaking done the same season.

I write this merely that you may get an idea of what can be done on breaking the first year,

and trust it may be of benefit to some of the readers of your valuable paper.

Calgary, Alta.

D. B.

The Chilled Meat Industry

We have a communication from Mr. E. G. Greenstreet, Hon. Secretary of the committee appointed to lay before the Dominion government the requirements of the stockmen and farmers of Alberta in the matter of the chilling and exporting of meats, thanking the ranchers and farmers who have given support to the movement. The findings of the committee are now complete and have been submitted to the minister of agriculture at Ottawa. Recommendations have been made for establishing, without delay, the necessary works for initiating and conducting an export trade in dressed meats and packing house products. The committee have every reason to believe that these findings and recommendations will be most carefully considered by the federal government and that a meat industry, established on sound lines will be conducted under such government control as will protect the interests of the producers.

A Substantial Rack

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

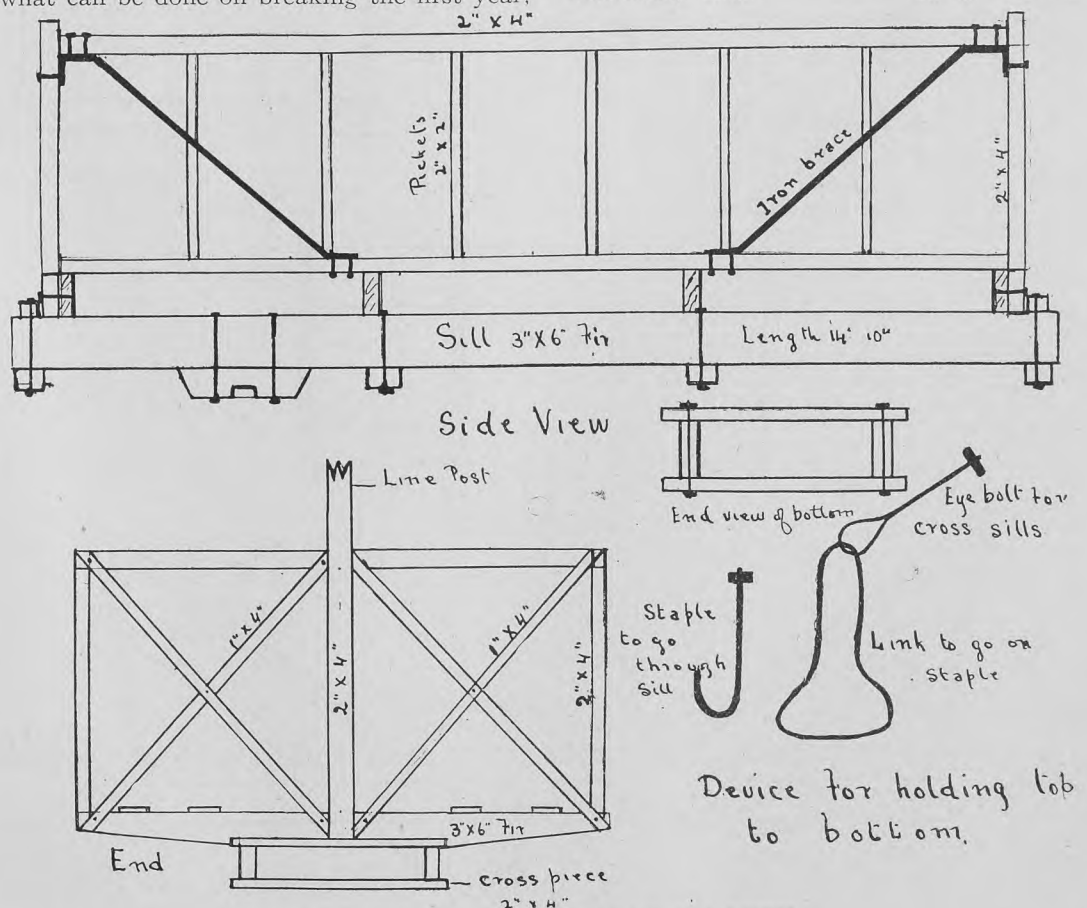
I am submitting herewith a plan for a rack which anyone can build and which one man can load upon a wagon alone. The bottom is made of 3 inch by 6 inch fir, 14 feet in length, with six cross pieces of 2 by 4. Two of these cross pieces are placed at each end, one above the other, with a ten inch bolt, through them and the sill. The other pieces are bolted at regular distances from the ends to support the bottom boards, which are nailed in. This makes a handy bottom for hauling stone or manure. The reason I use 3 by 6 for the sills, is that the wagon may turn shorter. I put on a piece of timber same as the sill to raise the rack on the hind bolster, bolt it to the sill, cut a notch two inches in depth in it to keep the rack from shifting. On the front bolster I place a loose piece of 4 by 4. For a medium wagon nothing is needed over the hind wheels.

The top part is made of four cross sills, 2 inches by 6 inches, tapering to 3 inches at the ends. The top rail is 2 inches by 4 inches and the pickets 2 inches by 2 inches. The ends are made in the form of two X's which brace both ways. The size shown in the illustration is full basket. It may be changed to a half basket rack by bringing the rail down to the center from each end. My basket sides are 3 feet in height.

To hold the upper part of the rack to the bottom, I fasten a staple in the sill and run an eye bolt with a link in it through the cross sill. The link goes over the staple and drops in a wooden pin. The iron braces for the basket corners are bolted to the top rail, to the end corner post and to the bottom rail. I use bolts everywhere I can instead of nails as they make a better job. The bottom of the box may be covered with any kind of rough boards. My rack cost me about \$16.00, including painting. A gallon of barn paint covered it easily. This rack, if well made, could carry all that can be placed upon it.

Moosomin, Sask.

R. J. YOUNG.



DESIGN OF RACK DESCRIBED BY MR. R. J. YOUNG

Sectional Hay Rack

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

You asked in a recent issue for a plan for a light hay rack. I herewith enclose you a plan of one I made last summer. It answers perfectly and is strong. The materials required are 2 planks, 2 inches thick, 10 inches wide and 14 feet long; 4 cross-pieces for the bottom, 2 inches thick, 3 feet 6 inches long and 6 inches wide; 4 pieces for ladders, 6 feet long by 1 1/2 inches thick, 4 inches wide; boards for bottom, 5 or 6 inches wide and one 4 inches wide, 1 inch thick, tongued and grooved preferred, 14 feet long; 8 pieces for sides 1 1/2 inches thick, 4 inches wide, 4 feet 6 inches long; boards for sides, 6 pieces, 1 inch thick, 6 inches wide and 14 feet long. That is all the wood required. Ironwork required is very little

upon. I am sending you a design of a much lighter rack that will answer the purpose a rack is required for just as well. I have used one like this for a number of years and have hauled two tons of baled hay on it at one load without breaking it. For loose hay or bundles, it will hold a very good load. The bed pieces are of extra heavy stuff, 2 inches by 6 inches and 14 feet, 6 inches in length. The cross pieces are 2 inches by 4 inches, good quality stuff, fastened with a clip going through a 2 x 4 cross piece at the bottom of the bed piece, then astride the bed piece and the 2 x 4 cross piece on the top. This makes the rack stronger, as no holes are bored in the bed pieces. Eight clips are required to fasten the bottom together. Any blacksmith can make them. The ladder in the front end is made from a 2 x 6, seven foot piece, ripped so each piece will taper from

1 1/2 inches to 3 1/2 inches at the bottom. It is fastened below with four bolts. The top is secured with a bolt. Wires are used on the sides and ends to hold the hay in the rack. This rack is very light, not much heavier than an ordinary wagon box, and one man can handle it without trouble. It is also lighter on the beam.
Alta
F. H. DUCKETT.

Plan of Light Rack

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

I am submitting you a plan of my hay rack as I think the one described in the FARMER'S ADVOCATE of Jan. 13th is a little heavy for this country. The accompanying drawing will describe the rack sufficiently. The following is a list of the materials required.

- 2 pieces 2 inches by 10 inches 14 feet long.
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 - 3 wagon rods.
 - 2 rub irons.
 - 3 pounds 6 inch spikes.
 - 2 pounds 3 inch nails.
 - 4 clamps, 14 inches long.
- Man.
OLIVER BROWN.

Scientific Soil Culture or Summer Fallow

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

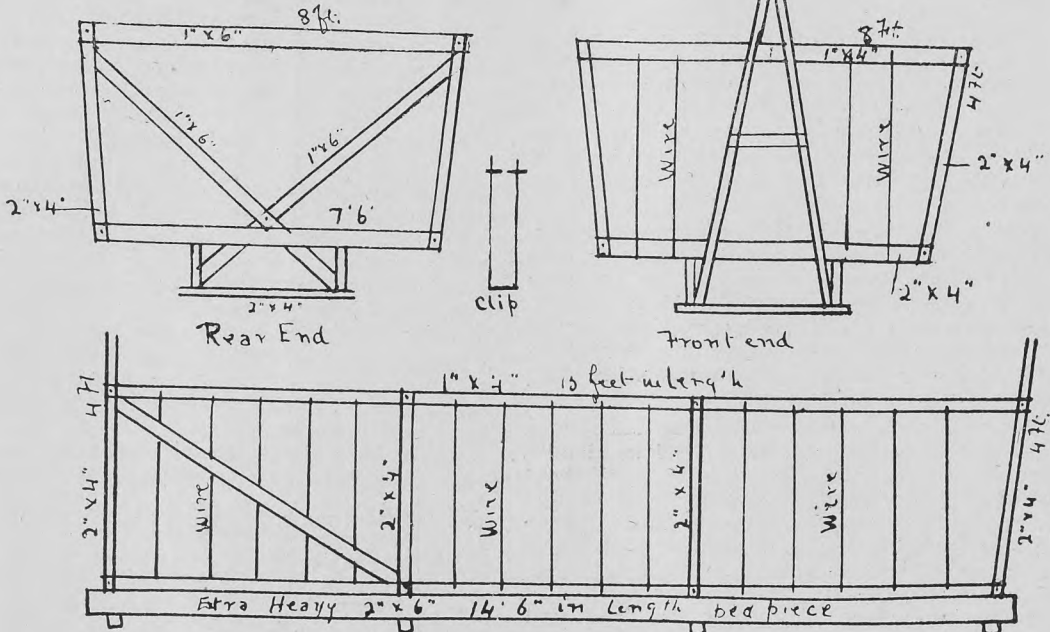
Last year the Alberta Department of Agriculture went to the expense (it was no trouble) of securing the services, for a number of lectures throughout the southern part of the province, of Professor (?) H. W. Campbell, now of Lincoln,

and inexpensive; 4 staples half-inch thick, 4 inches wide and 5 inches long; eight pieces of hoop iron made into staples, 2 inches wide, 8 inches long, made with holes at open end for bolts; four bolts and nuts, 3 1/2 inches long and three pounds of 3-inch wire nails. That is all the material needed. Now as to building this rack, make mortices in the thick planks or sills, starting one foot from one end and making the next one 4 feet from that with the next two the same distance apart. These mortices should be 2 inches deep, 4 inches wide and the cross pieces shouldered to fit into them. Next put in the boards for the bottom, then fasten the staples into the center of the cross pieces. Then get your eight pieces for raves or gearing and taper one end as shown, so that they will fit flat on the bottom and rest on the planks. When done, nail the boards on for sides. Then next come the ladders. Fasten the hoop-iron staples with bolts to the sills, saw the standards one inch off one side, as shown, to form a shoulder to fit on the staples. You have now only to put the boards on the inside so to make it stronger to climb up by, the only thing needed now is a piece of plank to put on the bed of the hind portion of the wagon to keep the raves off the wheels. This rack can be put on and taken off in sections in five minutes. Any handy man can make it and its whole cost should not exceed seven or eight dollars.
Man.
J. RICHARDSON.

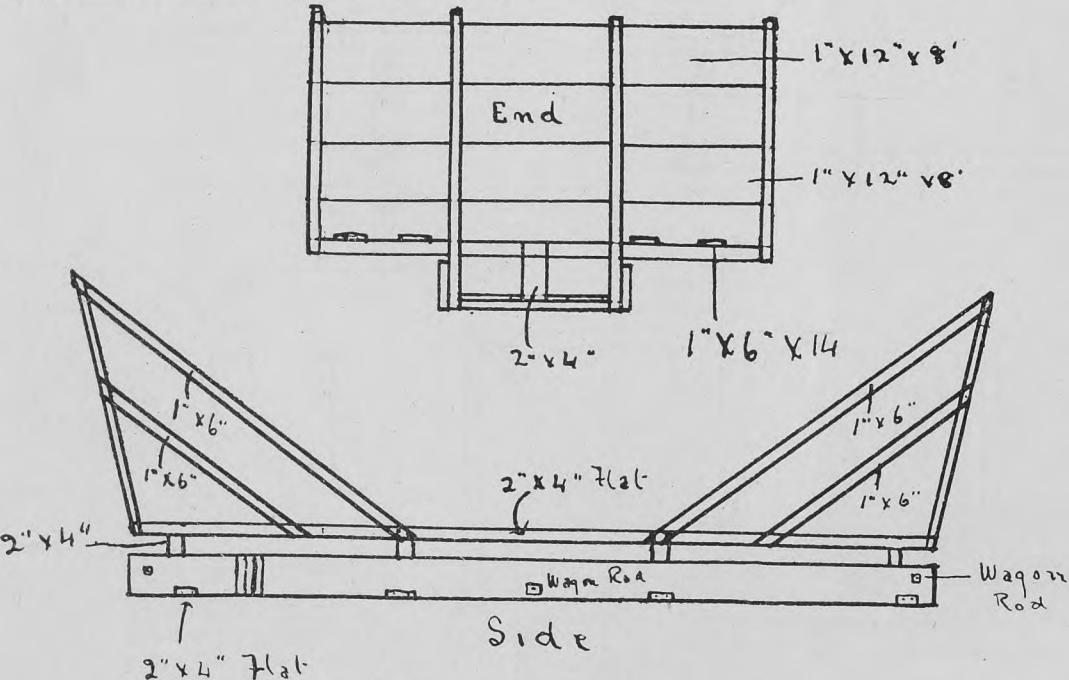
A Light Rack

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

In your issue of January 13th, a design of a hay rack is published, which I think can be improved



PLAN OF RACK DESCRIBED BY MR. DUCKETT



PLAN OF LIGHT RACK DESCRIBED BY MR. BROWN

Neb., author of "Campbell's Soil Culture Manual" (price \$2.50), editor of "Campbell's Scientific Farmer" (\$1.00 per year, in advance), inventor and manufacturer of "Campbell's sub-surface soil packer" (price varies) and Campbell himself is listed at \$25.00 per day and expenses. Lately I understand it was proposed to bring the Professor (?) up for the Brandon Winter Fair. The management of the Brandon Winter Fair is, of course, at perfect liberty to get whom they please to lecture to the Manitoba farmers, but does it not seem rather absurd to ask people to come to listen to a man who is, first and last purely and simply a boomer for what he has to sell and is getting paid for doing it? Undoubtedly, the management are under the impression that they are securing the services of an Apostle of a new method of farming, which, if followed, would revolutionize grain growing in the Province. However, they are not. What Campbell calls Campbell's "method" was practiced in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and was found to be the only sure method of combatting insufficient rainfall or rather of conserving and making the most of what we have, six or seven years before Campbell was ever heard of. In Bailey's "Cyclopedia of American Agriculture" Vol. 1, Page 398, Campbell says: "The system known as "Campbell's System of Soil

Culture" has been the outcome of the writer's own experience and investigation." "It was not until 1892, after eight years of experimenting, that any very tangible results were secured" and after describing various successes and failures up to 1899, says, "Through the medium of summer-culture, large crops are now grown in the most unfavorable seasons in the semi-arid sections. When it once comes to be scientifically applied, that once conceded worthless country will be a desirable general farming section, where large crops will be grown annually in spite of the adverse climatic conditions. The writer and his associates are now in the seventh year at their experimenting to ascertain the effect of summer-culture and have plans for four years more to prove more fully its worth."

From this, it will be seen that "Campbell's system of scientific soil culture" "summer culture," "summer tillage," "dry farming" or whatever else he may christen it, when the experiment is complete, dates back to 1892 when the first tangible results were secured.

Now in the report of the Experimental Farm at Indian Head, Sask., for 1888, one year after the establishment of the farm, the superintendent reports on red fife wheat sown on summer-fallow and mentions land fallowed in 1886, then in the report for the year 1889 we find on page 133, the superintendent says:

"It is quite within the bounds of possibilities that some other, and perhaps more successful, method may be found, but at present, I submit, that fallowing the land is the best preparation to ensure a crop. Fallowing land in this country is not required for the purpose of renovating it, as is the case with worn-out land in the east and The wet season comes during June and July at a time when every farmer has little or nothing else to do, and it is then this work should be done. Usually, seeding is over by the first of May, and to secure the best results, the land for fallow should be plowed from 5 to 7 inches deep as soon after this as possible. Land plowed after July is of no use whatever, unless there is rain in August, which very seldom comes to any great extent. A good harrowing should succeed the plowing and all weeds kept down by successive cultivation."

This is followed by a record of experiments, "fallow vs. stubble (fall plowing)" showing a yield of 25 bushels per acre from the former and 5 bushels per acre on the latter. In the same year the experiments at the Experimental Farm at Brandon included one "fallow vs. stubble" sown to oats, the former giving 49 bushels and the latter 30 bushels per acre.

Further than this, summer-fallowing had been practiced on several farms in the Indian Head District at least, for three years previous to the establishment of the Experimental Farms in 1887.

True, there are differences between the "Campbell System of scientific soil-culture" and the methods in vogue in Manitoba and Saskatchewan today, but they are not so much with regard to tillage as with seeding. Campbell advocates 20 to 30 pounds of seed wheat per acre and in North Dakota by the use of Campbell's sub-surface packer, Campbell's inter-cultural method, Campbell's combined cultivator and grain drill and Campbell's surface cultivator (the latter used several times during the season between the rows of grain, which were 20 inches apart) grew in one year 27½ bushels wheat per acre, while ground seeded at rate of 1½ bushels per acre in the ordinary way, produced only 3 to 7 bushels per acre. It does not seem necessary to make any further reference to this difference or "discovery."

Campbell pins his faith on "Campbell's sub-surface soil packer" and what it does. No doubt a packer, not necessarily Campbell's, if properly constructed, is a good implement and in a few years will be used on the majority of farms in the provinces, but whether it is so absolutely necessary to the success of a summer-fallow remains to be seen. Where a fallow is properly made, that is, plowed deep early in the season and cultivated from four to six times afterwards, it has usually been found that the pressure exerted by the passage of a heavy cultivator and four to six heavy horses, going repeatedly over the land, is about all that is required to firm the seed bed. However on the point of the seed bed requiring to be firm, however it is accomplished, everyone is agreed, and the agents of the various firms manufacturing packers may be trusted to see that no one who has any prospect of being able to raise the wind, goes without this undoubtedly useful implement.

Anyone who cares to go further into this matter can easily do so by getting from the Medicine Hat "News" or "Times," a copy of their issue containing a verbatim report of Campbell's lectures to the Alberta farmers, or by reading Campbell's opinion of Campbell and his methods in Bailey's "Agriculture" or if he wants to see what a really and truly wonderful man Campbell is, according to Campbell, he may subscribe to "Campbell's Scientific Farmer" and get 52 issues of Campbell- osities for the small sum of one dollar.

If the Brandon Winter Fair management want to spend \$25.00 a day and expenses from Nebraska and return, well and good, but why don't they patronize home-industry by getting Mr. Murray, Mr. MacKay, Mr. Bedford, the Hon. Mr. Motherwell, or any one of ten hundred others to talk— free—on summer fallowing (not scientific soil culture, summer culture, summer tillage or dry-farming, but just plain Manitoba and Saskatchewan summer fallowing) and give the money to the Brandon machine works as an inducement to them to exhibit, advertize and sell their very excellent packer at the Fair.

Sask. NOT A CAMPBELLITE.

(Teachers often remark that the science of teaching consists in making people understand what they have heard and what they see. If Campbell is a success as a teacher, which he appears to be, he is a proof of this statement. Probably the Alberta government and the Alberta farmers are satisfied that the end justified the means.—Ed.)

DAIRY

Alfalfa for Dairy Cows

According to Experiment Station feeding tests, alfalfa hay has a feeding value, per ton, of \$20.16; wheat bran a value per ton, of \$22.80. And 1½ pounds of alfalfa will replace wheat bran in the feeding ration. Alfalfa hay can be grown for less than five dollars a ton, wheat bran costs from \$18.00 to \$26.00 per ton. If 1½ pounds of the former is equal in nutrients to 1 pound of the latter, and if the bran cost four times as much as the alfalfa, it is not very hard to figure out a lower productive cost from the use of the cheaper feeding material.

The following table shows the feeding value of certain different feeds, based on the amount of digestible nutrients they contain.

Feed.	Value per ton.
Fresh alfalfa.....	\$ 7.00
Fresh clover.....	5.96
Alfalfa hay.....	20.16
Clover hay.....	14.12
Timothy hay.....	9.80
Wheat bran.....	22.08

A Productive Herd

The following is a summary of the work done by the dairy herd of Messrs. Halliday Bros., Sandwich, B. C., near the northern extremity of Vancouver Island. With more cows giving an average of 6210 pounds of milk a year the dairy business would soon take on a more rosy aspect. In Manitoba, the average of the cows tested, and these may be supposed to be the most productive, was only 2,500 pounds.

Name	Total milk	Total butter fat
Edna	6131 lbs.	261.76
Sophie	7362½ "	320.68
Maida (aborted twice)	1837½ "	107.25
Lop-ear	6928½ "	347.18
Kirsty	7068½ "	317.54
Blackie	7905 "	304.40
Lilly	7026 "	342.98
Birdie	8745 "	352.11
Seator	4509 "	198.16
Ethel	7220 "	295.25
Daisy	5570½ "	262.32
Maud	5324½ "	325.31
Crazy	5950½ "	260.90
Prixie	6062½ "	247.85
Cile	5558 "	221.36
Mary	6364 "	282.88
Skinny	6037½ "	325.99
	105612½ lbs.	4773.82
Estimated butter		5569.45
Average per cow 6210 pounds milk;		
" price for butter, 40 cents;		
" returns for butter		\$131.04
" price for skim milk, 15 cents		
" returns for skim milk		9.00
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Estimated cost for feed		\$140.04
		70.00
		—
Total profit per cow		\$ 70.04

Silage and Tuberculosis

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

I would like to see a discussion started in your valuable paper, re the value of ensilage for dairy cattle. I have been seriously thinking of putting up a silo, but have been deterred by the experiences of dairymen who have lived down east and have tried it. The startling fact which I have been able to find out, is that ensilage fed to dairy cattle year after year produces tuberculosis. I have only been able to personally question two or three, who were formerly engaged in dairying on a large scale down east, but they were unanimously agreed that it really does. It was also said that a well known Ottawa veterinary who had conducted scores of examinations upon carcasses, had given his opinion that the feeding of ensilage was one of the main causes of tuberculosis. They were also of the opinion that the tuberculin test as now in use, is unsatisfactory and far from perfect.

Speaking about the undoubted value of ensilage, these men agreed that there was no better or cheaper feed for young stock intended for market, but if fed year in and year out, it was sooner or later fatal to milkers. They also made the statement that there were practically no herds in Canada today which were being fed ensilage continuously, that were free from tuberculosis.

Now, Sir, taking the last subject first, is it true that tuberculosis exists in our herds to such an alarming extent? Is it true that the continuous feeding of ensilage can, and does, produce tuberculosis in cattle so fed? How do we know it does not? Is there a thorough regular systematic testing of our herds to enable us to find out the truth? Is the present system of testing reasonably sure? Is it satisfactory enough to warrant us paying a larger price to have it done?

Coming to the question of feeding ensilage, little is known of it up here, and I doubt if those who have tried it, will be in a position to say definitely yes or no, as to the effects likely to arise from its use, owing to their experience not having extended over a sufficient number of years. Summing up the above facts, the following questions arise: Is the tuberculin test as now applied satisfactory and reasonably sure? Is tuberculosis amongst our dairy cattle on the increase? What data or statistics have we to guide us? Is it advisable that each and every herd be tested? Should testing be made compulsory? If so, should compensation be paid for all cattle condemned, the same as is now paid for horses in cases of glanders? Is tuberculosis as dangerous and as far-reaching in its effects as glanders?

Sask. REGINA.

As to what is the specific cause of tuberculosis in cattle there is only one opinion. The organism that produces this disease was discovered by Professor Koch of Germany in 1882, and since that time there has been no question in the minds of scientific men as to the cause of tuberculosis. The specific organism is a short, slender, rod-like body of microscopic dimensions, which gains entrance to the system, generally via the lungs or stomach. Once established in one of these organs, it produces its pathological effects. Tuberculosis can be produced in no other way. Ensilage is no more likely to produce it than straw. Feeding ensilage will not predispose dairy cows to infection. How do we know? Experience and the knowledge of the manner in which the disease is produced and the manner in which the organism producing it is distributed.

No statistics are available to show the extent to which tuberculosis exists in the dairy herds of this country. It is believed, however, by those who should be in a position to form an intelligent opinion on the question, that the disease is not increasing. Certainly one would expect it to decrease in view of the better arrangements for caring for cattle, ventilation of stables, sanitation, etc. As to the advisability of testing every herd compulsorily, the public paying for the cattle condemned and destroyed, there is room for a wide difference of opinion. If bovine tuberculosis is not transmissible to man, as some scientists maintain, such rigorous action is not necessary. Even if it is transmissible to the human species, it is doubtful if such extreme measures as compulsory tuberculin testing of herds should be insisted on. Public opinion would not be strongly at the back of such a measure and without that there would be little chance of much resulting from compulsory testing and wholesale slaughtering of our herds. The eradication of tuberculosis can best be accomplished by educating the public to the danger and real cause of this disease. Getting people to understand the manner in which it is produced and distributed and then depending upon their common sense and the natural human instinct of self-preservation to urge them to take the necessary steps to control or stamp out the disease. Ed.

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HORTICULTURE

Developing Potato Markets

On the basis of a *per capita* consumption of 10 bushels per annum, and making the usual allowance for seed required to produce the succeeding year's crop, Manitoba is producing just about a million bushels more potatoes each year than she requires for domestic consumption. We could do very well now with an export market for this crop. In a few years, potatoes will have to sell in large quantities outside the province if the crop continues to be grown in increasing acreage annually, as has been the case during the past decade. Winnipeg and the other cities and towns, in this and the other two prairie provinces, while they are increasing in population very rapidly, will not consume the entire potato crop of the northwest. Exportation to the United States is barred by the American tariff. British Columbia can produce all the potatoes she requires or is ever likely to require. Unless potatoes can be used to advantage in industrial pursuits, say in the manufacture of alcohol, Western Canada will, in the near future, be looking eastward for a market for her surplus potato crop.

Ontario will become eventually an outlet for a considerable portion of our surplus potato crop. A very large proportion of the potatoes consumed in her large cities at the present time (in Toronto 75 or 85 per cent of the quantity consumed) is brought in from the Maritime provinces. Farmers in Ontario have lost the art, in a sense, of growing potatoes successfully, and thousands of car-loads are brought annually from the provinces down by the sea. The markets of Ontario are open to any district within striking distance of them, and Manitoba is as near, transport cost considered, as are the potato sections in New Brunswick. With through car-lot rates to the lake front, and the possibility of carrying a portion of the output via the water route, Manitoba is on a fair basis to compete with the Maritime Provinces in supplying Ontario with potatoes. It will be sometime before Ontario regains control of her own potato markets. There are more difficulties in that province in the way of growing this crop successfully than there are here, fungus and insect pests to fight that we wot not of, and in addition, the crop drains the fertility out of a soil at a rate which the older farms in that country cannot stand. Potatoes are adapted naturally to rich virgin soils, or soils that are maintained in fertility by the application of potash and phosphate manures.

In supplying a market with any commodity, the first necessity is to be informed of the requirements of that market as regards quality, particularly. The taste of humanity in respects to food products are catered to, not created. At the present time Western Canada could not sell a car-load of potatoes in any of the better markets of the east. They want a straight grade of goods down there, if not in lots of one variety, then of one type. Of the several hundred car-loads of potatoes marketed in Winnipeg every year, not one tenth of one per cent are of uniform grade. Every variety grown in the district in which the car is loaded is represented, and the only reason they sell at all is that Winnipeg is so situated that her market is exclusive, her supply comes entirely from the prairie west. The trade of the east cannot handle such goods. Toronto potato merchants will not quote prices on mixed lots of potatoes. The consumer wants a straight grade, potatoes that will cook evenly, every tuber alike in quality.

The great trouble with the potato business in every section of this country, where the crop is not made something of a specialty is that so many varieties are grown that it is impossible for dealers to purchase stock in quantity and maintain a uniform grade in the goods. In some cases where one man grows a sufficient acreage to sell his crop in car-lots he can put them on the market unmixed with the dozen or so varieties his neighbors are growing, but, except in a very few cases in this country, are there farmers into the business extensively enough to do this. And even if they are, there is no inducement in the home market to warrant them in taking any extra care to ensure their crop going out in straight grades. As a matter of fact, there is no inducement at all at present for them to do so. Potatoes in this country are graded simply as "potatoes" and every car-lot is expected to be mixed.

The selling of potatoes is a matter that should receive more consideration from our producers. The commission merchants' position just at present is a little too arbitrary in the matter of grades and prices.

Some Suggestions on the Planting of Shelter Belts and Wind-breaks

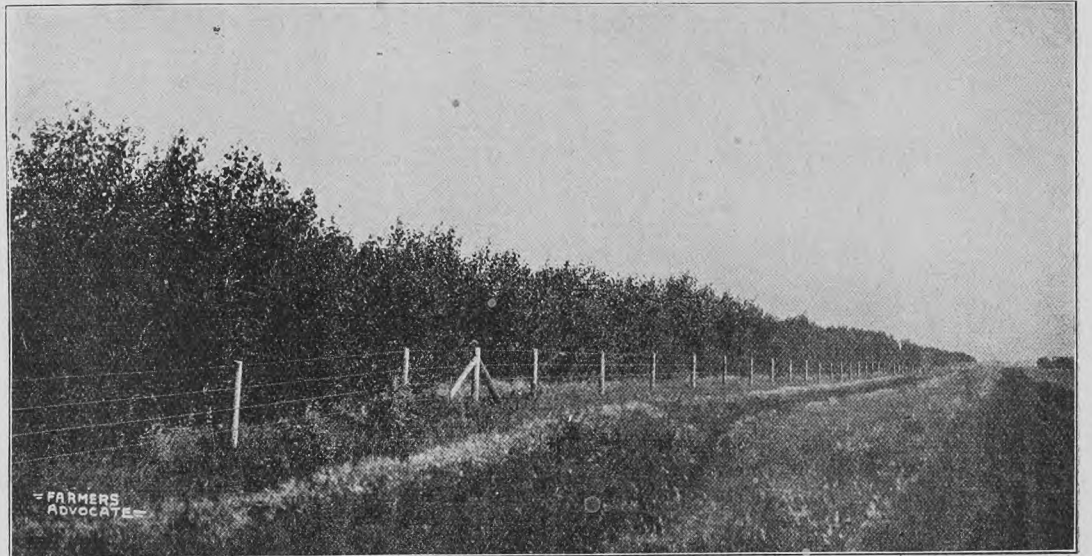
Every season as spring approaches, numbers of people who are fortunate enough to possess farms or even small plots of land, turn their thoughts to the beautifying of their surroundings. Some of these have been wise to make preparation for the work during the preceding summer. Others, generally the majority, have no doubt frequently made good resolutions in this respect, but have let the work go from time to time till it was altogether too late, and now at the time they would give a good deal to do some planting, they find they have no land ready. In spite of

OBSERVE THESE RULES

There are certain well-established principles governing successful tree planting on the prairies. It is absolutely essential that these be observed. They are as follows, and, though they have been frequently stated, they cannot be too much emphasized.

1. The ground must be thoroughly prepared.
2. The varieties must be selected with a view to hardiness and suitability to local conditions.
3. After planting, trees must be cultivated for two or three seasons.
4. Trees must be protected against stock.

If these points are carefully observed, success is practically insured. Above everything else it is important to prepare the soil well. Such preparation need not be elaborate. All that is required is a good summer fallow or root ground. Backsetting is sometimes good, but very frequently the grasses are not entirely killed out and come in again after the trees are planted.



SHELTER BELT EXTENDING ONE HALF MILE AT NURSERY STATION, INDIAN HEAD
The trees are cottonwood, willow and Manitoba maple, planted in 1904, many trees now are over fifteen feet high.

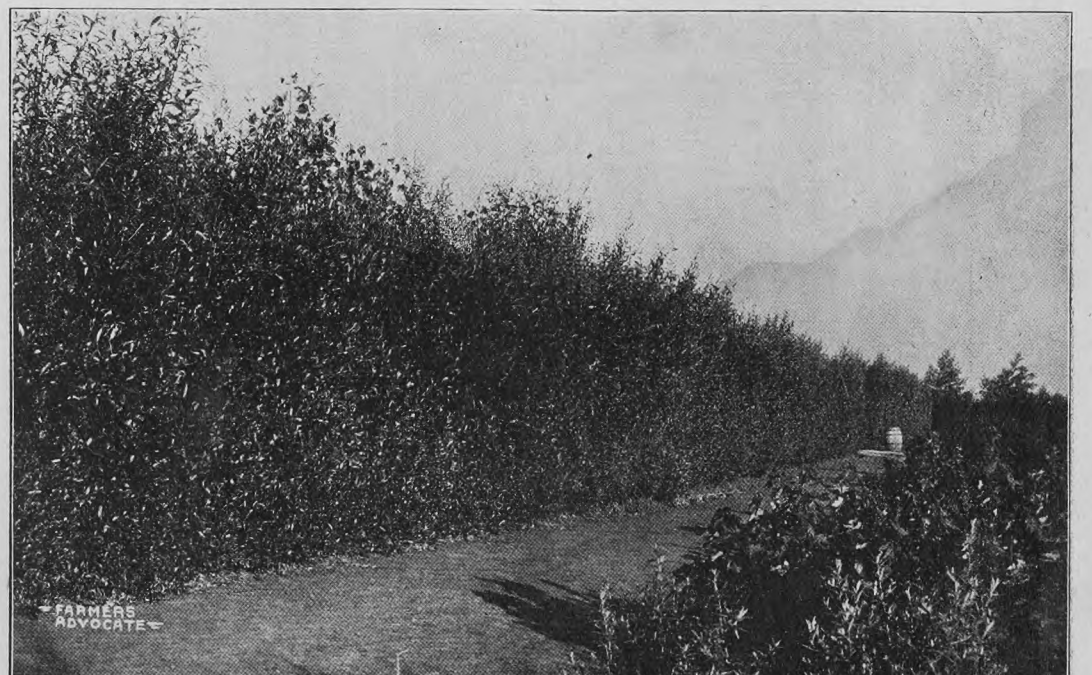
the fact that the ground is not in condition and no doubt, in many cases, contrary to the planter's better judgment, a risk will be taken, nursery stock ordered and planted. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the result is failure and discouragement, not only to the individual, but unfortunately too often affecting the neighbors perhaps not long settled in the country, who, seeing the poor success and practical waste of money, and not knowing fully the cause of the failure, are deterred from taking up similar work for themselves.

The planting of trees is the easiest and cheapest way to improve the appearance of any grounds. It is now a well-established fact that any one can form a successful wind-break or plantation on the prairies. There are minor difficulties to contend with, it is true, but it is safe to say the majority of failures are entirely the fault of the planter.

On the whole, summer fallow is the best. Planting on stubble land should be especially avoided. Occasionally, results may be satisfactory, but in the great majority of cases it will lead to disappointment. Just here: "Do not manure land for trees." In the majority of cases it will do more harm than good.

VARIETIES TO PLANT

The selecting of varieties is only a matter of common sense. We must realize that our choice is limited in comparison with the varieties available for planting in the East. Manitoba maple, native ash, native elm, several varieties of willow, cottonwood, Russian poplar and white birch are the most practical varieties. Among evergreens the native white spruce, jack and lodgepole pine and perhaps Scotch pine are the most likely kinds. The tamarac, a deciduous conifer, is also hardy.



WILLOW WIND-BREAK ON NURSERY STATION AT INDIAN HEAD
This belt was planted in the spring of 1905, photo taken 1908, average height, eleven feet.

The above varieties do not exhaust the list of hardy trees for the West, but they are the kinds most suitable for our conditions. Do not try to grow Ontario maples, beech, horse chestnut, etc. The result will merely be disappointment. It would be almost as reasonable to plant oranges and other semi-tropical varieties in Ontario.

There are hundreds of homes on the prairies absolutely destitute of shrub or tree. This need not be. There is no difficulty nowadays in obtaining plenty of planting material. There are several nursery companies now operating in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta from whom seedlings of hardy varieties may be purchased at moderate prices. If the settler cannot afford to buy stock, he may avail himself of the free distribution carried on from the Nursery Station of the Forestry Branch at Indian Head. There are certain regulations governing this distribution which some do not care to observe, but these regulations have been so framed that at least ninety per cent. of those availing themselves of this system are successful in growing good wind-breaks and plantations.

FIRST GET READY TO PLANT

The old saying: "More haste, less speed," applies with particular aptness to tree planting. We must realize that once planted the trees are likely to remain growing for fifty or a hundred years. When the suggestion is made, "don't plant this year, wait till next spring, so that in the meantime you can more thoroughly prepare and cultivate your ground," how often do we hear this answer: "I can't afford to wait. I shall lose a whole year." Well, what is one year in the life of a tree? In most cases where a man tries to save a year by planting before the ground is ready, he sees his neighbor, who is wise enough to wait and spend that year in preparing his ground, a few years later the owner of a splendid plantation, while his own efforts have resulted only in a few scattered and stunted shrubs, which detract from, rather than add to, the beauty of his farm. Cases of this nature are unfortunately only too familiar to those who drive much through the country.

In the course of our tree planting work we come in touch with hundreds of farmers wishing to set out wind-breaks, and therefore, know from experience how little thought the majority of them spend on the laying out of the proposed plantation.

It would seem that most people do not realize the permanent nature of a tree belt, nor the fact that in twenty years or so a well-managed plantation should be from thirty to forty feet high. The larger number of our settlers at present occupy more or less temporary buildings, and must remember that in a few years they will want to erect more pretentious structures to keep pace with the development of their farms. It is not wise, then, to plan a plantation to surround merely a homesteader's shack and sod stable. Keep in view your future requirements. Make provision for a wind-break that will enclose a large barn yard, vegetable garden and ornamental plot in front of the house. Remember that the north and west are the most exposed sides and allow for a good wide belt of from twenty to forty rows, with the trees about four feet apart each way. On the south and east have belts of from five to ten rows. Also keep in view the fact that trees, as they develop, rob the adjoining ground of moisture and plant food to the detriment of neighboring crops. So in planning the garden leave lots of room—in ten or twelve years you will not be able to grow many vegetables within as many feet of your shelter belt. Leave room to admit of horse cultivation and to allow a wagon to get in to haul away rubbish or bring in manure. In fact, try to picture what your surroundings will be like when the trees are twenty feet high and plan accordingly.

Wherever possible, the main wind-break should consist of several rows of trees—fifteen at least, and better twenty to thirty. Inside the main belt, single rows may be used for temporary shelters to be cut out later as the outside belt gets high and thick enough to protect the whole piece. Single rows of trees are not satisfactory unless the soil on both sides can be kept cultivated. When planted thickly in wide belts, trees will protect each other. After the third season, no cultivation should be required as they will then cast a dense enough shade to smother out all weeds and grasses, and each year the falling leaves will form a natural mulch on the surface.

DO NOT PRUNE

It might not be out of place to mention pruning. Not by any means to advocate it, but rather to warn the inexperienced planter from touching his trees with a knife. Remember that now we are considering shelter belts and wind-breaks—not single, ornamental or avenue trees. These of course require pruning. As a general rule pruning in a shelter plantation during the early years should be strictly avoided. If one prunes up each tree to a single stem, practically no obstacle is opposed to the wind, the ground is not properly shaded and natural conditions, which it should be our object to maintain, are totally lacking. Such a plantation would require constant cultivation and would be of little value for shelter purposes. Pruning is permissible in only exceptional cases, as for example, in a plantation consisting principally of maple with only a few scattered tamaracs. In some places the comparatively worthless maple might overcrowd some of the tamaracs. In these cases, light pruning of the surrounding maples would be the proper thing to do, but only enough to permit the tamaracs to keep their tops clear with room enough to grow properly. Pruning entails considerable labor and unless done with intelligence is likely to produce bad results rather than good. Therefore, before going into a plantation with a knife consider well what you do. Do not merely act upon the suggestion of a neighbor unless you know him to be a man with considerable experience among trees.

HOW TO GROW LARGE SUPPLIES

I do not wish to go into the merits of each variety for shelter belt purposes, but would like to call attention to the particular suitability of the different kinds of hardy tree-willows for general planting. Any one purchasing, say, a thousand cuttings, can form the nucleus of an extensive plantation. From this original expenditure he can eventually get enough stock to, if he should so desire, plant up his entire farm without the cost of an additional cent for nursery stock. The acute leaf willow, the golden willow, the laurel leaf willow, and some others, all make excellent wind-breaks, are hardy and fast growers. They can be propagated most readily from cuttings made in the spring, if planted in suitably prepared soil.

No mention has been made in this article as to planting for fuel or other material. This is perfectly practicable, but at the present time the formation of shelters and wind-breaks is of most general interest.

To sum up briefly, then: (1) Do not plant till the ground has been thoroughly prepared. (2) Make your plans with an eye to the future development both of the trees and your farm standing. (3) Remember that tree belts accumulate snow drifts in winter, and keep the plantation thirty to forty yards back from all buildings. (4) Select only hardy varieties and insist upon the stock being Western grown.

If you cannot plant this spring begin now to plan for planting in spring of 1910.

NORMAN M. ROSS.
Chief of Tree Planting Division.

POULTRY

Eggs in Winter

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

To have hens lay during winter, when prices are high, is not a hard proposition if the hen is given a chance to show what she can do. To begin with, don't expect hens that roost in a corner of the stable during the night, and spend their daylight hours playing tag with the horses feet, to be very profitable. Give your hens a decent building of their own, with plenty of light, pure fresh air and a nice warm place to roost in at night.

A hen that is too fat is apt to be lazy, so be careful not to feed too much fattening food to your laying stock. Feed whole grain in the morning, in a deep litter of cut straw or chaff; this ensures a busy day for the hen, and a working hen is generally a good layer. By way of a variety, feed wheat one day the next give oats, or any other grain you may have. A mash composed of equal parts shorts and ground oats, sifted, and any odds and ends from the kitchen mixed together and slightly moistened with warm milk or water, to a state of stiffness, is a good evening feed for each day. By feeding the mash at this time, the hen goes to roost with a full crop and puts in a comfortable night.

Keep fresh drinking water before your poultry, and be sure to wash all watering troughs once a day.

An extra dish of sour or sweet milk, will be welcomed by the hens. Something to make up for the bugs and green stuff a hen picks up in summer is needed. This can be supplied to a certain extent in the use of mangels and turnips, fed raw, with a pig's head hung up for the hens to pick at between times.

Do not forget to furnish your hens with teeth in the shape of crushed crockery or small sharp gravel. This should be kept where the hens can reach it at all times. Something, too, for the hen to manufacture egg shells out of, should be provided. A mixture of crushed shells from the produce dealer or a small amount of lime added to the drinking water will do nicely. To further increase the happiness of your hens, have a large shallow box, in which keep a good supply of road dust, or sifted ashes, for dusting purposes.

W. R. BARKER.

Woman's Experience with Turkeys

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

I was a school teacher, but married a farmer. My parents were farmers, but I knew very little about the work, although I was always assured there were lots of drudgery, with little pay.

My first experience in the poultry line was with a small turkey hen. People told me young turkeys were hard to raise. I saw, with the very best of attention, they did not do well, so as soon as the birds were two days old I let them away with the mother. I brought them back and fed them at night for a few nights, and then they came of their own accord. I rarely lost a turkey. They grew well, and the heaviest rains did not hurt them, although I had been repeatedly warned by farmers' wives that even the dew would kill them.

SIMPLICITY.

FIELD NOTES

Events of the Week

CANADIAN

A hospital for sick children has been opened in Winnipeg.

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Hon. William Templeman was elected by acclamation in the federal seat of Comox-Atlin constituency, British Columbia.

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It is reported that within a few months China will establish a consulate-general at Ottawa and a vice-consulate at Vancouver.

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The Postmaster General, after some consideration has decided to deny the mails to R. C. Edwards' paper.

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George Ernest Stewart, a farmer near Shelburne, Ontario, in what is supposed to be an insane frenzy, killed John and James Stanhouse, father and son, and injured three other people, one of whom may die.

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Montreal's much discussed ice palace is finished and their great carnival of winter sports is now on. The palace is lighted by 4000 electric lights.

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Commander Spain and J. F. Fraser of the Canadian marine department have resigned as an outcome of Judge Cassel's report of the marine department.

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Rinks to the number of 159 have entered for the Winnipeg bonspiel and play is now in progress. The Canadian curlers who are playing in Scotland are winning honors.

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The Saskatchewan government objects to paying the expenses incurred in bringing the wandering Doukhobors back from Fort William to Yorkton last year. The government considers that the expense should come upon the federal powers.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN

The National Service league is creating more interest and enthusiasm in the territorial army scheme of Mr. Haldane, the British war secretary.

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Captain Amundsen the Norwegian explorer of the north will carry powerful "wireless" apparatus when he goes in search of the North Pole next year.

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The press censorship in Germany, which has been relaxed considerably since the famous interview, will be made more stringent again because of the lengths to which the papers have gone in cartoons and skits ridiculing the Emperor. Foreign correspondents who do not moderate their phrases will be gently, but firmly, conducted to the German border and thrust out.

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Of eighty prisoners released on parole in Chicago all but ten appeared at the appointed time. Twenty-three were dismissed and will not need to come into court again unless they violate their promises to keep straight.

There are estimated to be nearly 600,000 people in Great Britain and Ireland who are entitled to old age pensions under the new act.

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A Connecticut woman has died willing \$50,000 for the care of her horses and dogs and leaving \$2,000 to her husband.

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Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri have all been suffering from blizzards accompanied by severe cold. The states farther north were also visited by the storm.

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For the present, in the interests of peace California has dropped all anti-Japanese legislation.

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In an action brought by the U. S. government against the sugar trust, it was brought out that false scales were used to weigh out the imported products in order to defraud the customs. A difference of 75% could, by these scales, be made in favor of the company.

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A bomb was thrown near Calcutta at a train on which Lord Minto, the Viceroy of India was due to be travelling. Fortunately he had taken another train, and no one was injured by the explosion.

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A letter was read in all the Roman Catholic churches in Ireland on a recent Sunday advising the Irish people not to be lured into emigrating to America by false letters and statements, and warning them of perils to be avoided if they did cross the ocean.

Experiments in the Peace River in 1908

Reports have been received up to December 19th 1908, from Mr. Robert Jones, the farmer in charge of the experimental work in agriculture and horticulture being carried on by the Director of Experimental Farms at Fort Vermilion on the Peace River in Northern Alberta—Fort Vermilion is about 350 miles in a direct line north of Edmonton, or about 700 miles north by the mail route.

Mr. Jones reports on the results of the experiments conducted, also on the condition of the crops in the Fort Vermilion district; he says: "The past season was, on the whole, very favorable for crops of all sorts in this locality. The spring opened up about the middle of April, and seeding was under full headway by the 1st of May. Wheat was fully ripe by the 17th of August, and harvest was general by the 20th of that month. None of the wheat is frosted.

Owing to delay in the mails, the seed of early ripening wheats and other grains sent to Mr. Jones from the Experimental Farm for sowing did not reach Fort Vermilion until June, hence they were held over to be sown in the spring of 1909. Mr. Jones has given much of his time this season to the examination of crops grown by farmers in the district and has obtained samples from them which he forwarded to the Experimental Farm at Ottawa, and which have recently come to hand. He says that he thinks he is quite safe in estimating the wheat crop of the Fort Vermilion district for this year at 35,000 bushels with an average of about 24 bushels to the acre, barley at 5,000 bushels with an average of about 60 bushels to the acre, and oats about 4,000 bushels. This makes a total of about 44,000 bushels of grain for that district.

The experimental plots of turnips have given a crop of over 16 tons to the acre, mangels 15 tons, and white carrots 12½ tons to the acre.

The hardy cross-bred apple trees produced at Ottawa, also some hardy Russian sorts, which were sent to Fort Vermilion in the spring of 1907, survived the winter of 1907-8, and have made good growth during the past season, some of them as much as two feet. The plums have made a still stronger growth, and writing on the 15th of October, Mr. Jones says: "Although most of our native trees have been stripped of their foliage by frost, the leaves on the apples and plums are quite green yet."

About 25 varieties of black, red, and white currants were also forwarded for test, also three varieties of raspberries and two of strawberries; all of these are doing well and making good growth. Many varieties of trees and shrubs of the hardiest sorts suitable for shelter and ornament were also supplied. Those which survived the hardships connected with transportation and the cold of the winter of 1907, more than 50 varieties in all, are doing well.

Writing on August 29th, Mr. Jones says: "My garden vegetables are promising large yields. Some of my carrots measure now 3 inches in diameter and I have cauliflower at present which weigh 10 pounds each, also tomatoes of good size which are almost ripe now. The yield of potatoes will be large; the earliest ones were ready for the table on July 13th."

The samples of wheat received from Fort Vermilion are very fine, well matured and very heavy. There were five samples in all, and their dates of sowing and harvesting were as follows:

	Date of sowing	When ripe	When cut	Weight per bus. lbs.
Preston	May 6	Aug. 19	Aug. 22	64½
Ladago	April 31	.....	Sep. 5	64
Ladago	May 4	Aug. 17	Aug. 21	64
Early Riga ...	April 21	.....	Aug. 21	63
Riga	May 9	.....	Aug. 29	64½

No samples of Red Fife could be obtained; all the varieties named are earlier than Red Fife and hence suit this district better. They have all been grown from samples sent to settlers during the past few years from the Experimental Farms.

Two samples of oats were received, one of Banner which weighed 41½ pounds per bushel and one unnamed which weighed 42 pounds per bushel. The Banner was sown May 16th and was ripe August 24th. One sample of barley was received unnamed which was sown May 16th and was cut August 12th. This weighed 49½ pounds per bushel. There was one sample of peas which was sown May 23rd and cut August 12th, weighing 64 pounds per bushel. There were also two small samples of beans which were plump and well ripened. From the dates of sowing and ripening, the absence of injury from frost and the weights of the samples of the grain sent, it is evident that the past season was quite as favorable for crop growing at Fort Vermilion as it was in many parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan further south. On December 19th, Mr. Jones writes: "The farmers in this neighborhood are busy at present hauling their wheat to market all of which is of the very best quality."

WM. SAUNDERS.

Director of Dominion Experimental Farms.

The Bachelor and His Problem

"THE SHACK BEAUTIFUL."

The true value of a well decorated house is not apparent to many; but after consideration it will be admitted that for many reasons the home that is the most artistically arranged and ornamented is the most cheerful to reside in, even if the owner does not believe himself capable of fostering a love for the beautiful. One can readily realize the detrimental effect which would be produced on patients compelled to lie in hospitals the walls of which were devoid of paint or any attempt at decorative treatment. The irritation produced on the nervous system of such people would render their recovery very little assistance indeed. The same might be said of persistently monotonous patterns of wall-paper or the glaringly vulgar designs obtained in the cheaper grades of such goods. The fact is beyond dispute that mural decoration has a very pronounced and powerful effect on the human mind both in health or sickness. This being so, the necessity of the "shack beautiful" will appeal to every reader of this article.

The question naturally arises at this point as to how a man may so decorate his bachelor shack as to give it the desired artistic and restful appearance.

Consideration should first of all be given to the wall-paper. The highest point in art is reached when simplicity is portrayed as the essence of beauty. This is applicable to such ordinary subjects as walls. No ornate and heavily labored design should be displayed on the walls of the bachelor's shacks in Northwest Canada, if these men wish to appear cultured and tasteful.

A suggested scheme in plain wall design may prove of value to any who contemplate the re-decoration of their humble prairie residences. Green paper should first be obtained absolutely void of figures or ornamentation. No fear need be entertained about such material containing arsenic, as present day manufacturers prefer to use coal-tar, a cheaper and less dangerous medium.

The first step is to wainscott the wall to the height of about 3 feet, a suitable moulding is next run along the top of this. The paper is then applied between wainscot and ceiling. A neatly carpentered and smoothly planed shelf is affixed at a distance of 6 feet from the ground, all around the room, a border is then not essential. Unpainted ribbed moulding is nailed in perpendicular strips from shelf to wainscot, so as to enclose a square of the green wall paper. White enamel applied to the woodwork will give perhaps the first real thrill of enthusiasm and sincere

admiration in the soul of the "Lord of the Shack," which feeling will only be exceeded by the hangings of a suitably selected and tastefully framed picture in each square of green. The walls are now complete and worthy of the real pride experienced by the owner. The expense of this scheme is practically no greater than that entailed by the usual fifteenth rate style adopted so universally in the average Western Canadian homestead.

Another idea is to paper with any plain art tint, using a border for the relief it gives from the monotonous. A home-made stencil can easily be manufactured by anyone possessing average intelligence. A border thus produced will possess merit as amateur handiwork. In borders a bird design always lends itself to artistic treatment. Wild duck, for example, in which the colors of the beak, neck and body are varied.

It is not widely known that the oilcloth used for covering tables, counters, etc., is useful as a wall covering. A wainscott is used here also, then the remaining wall space is neatly decorated with this material of the exact width to complete the length of the wall to the ceiling. Pure white or marbled effects can be procured. That which bears a geometric design is far too distracting and confusing to be of the slightest value for this purpose.

The ceiling can be of a light tint if the impression of increased area is desired. The darker shades, of course, give the opposite effect. A man's own judgment is the best guide in matter of this nature.

The floor always needs to be taken into account in the beautifying of the home, although at first it appears quite a small matter. Linoleum, if kept clean, gives a pleasing appearance, but seems to look somewhat cold. Carpets are generally banned for financial reasons and really it is no great drawback to live without a carpet as they are so unhygienic. Bare boards look dismal. What then can be done? A neatly laid floor oiled again and again until it actually glistens is probably the solution of the problem.

It is easily kept clean, is in keeping and harmony with most decorative schemes and with rugs and skins scattered around gives that inviting appearance that compels one to feel absolutely comfortable and contented.

It seems that in the selection of pictures the average bachelor homesteader reverts almost to barbarism. Vulgar calendars, and crude picture postcards generally grace, or rather disgrace, his walls. Reproductions in color of masterpieces in art are within the reach of all. They are an inspiration and tend to uplift the ideals. Why then, will men persist in looking daily on that which warps the love of real beauty and degrades the nobler feelings of manhood?

In furnishing a home, goods should be bought, not alone for the comfort they will give, but also for the general influence they will exert on the dwellers in the house where they are placed. Depressing colors should be shunned. That which is restful to the eye and causes gratification the longer one contemplates it, is what is required. It is also highly essential that harmony should exist between everything in the room. 'Tis true that contrast is often artistic, but a beautiful contrast is so difficult for the tyro house-decorator to obtain that he manifests wisdom when he leaves such effects severely alone.

It has been endeavored to show that a practical application of art at a small cost is possible in the arranging of the homes of the lonely men who reside amidst the wearying "sameness" of the prairies, and we hope that the hints herein given may prove an incentive to these same men to arise and put their house in order.

Alta.

LOUIS C. BELROSE.



SOMETHING BETTER THAN THE AVERAGE RUN OF SOD SHACKS. A COMFORTABLE WINTER HABITATION

The Financial Problems of a Homestead

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

Mr. Belrose, in the article in the FARMER'S ADVOCATE for Jan. 6th, is rather misleading when he likens homesteading to a holiday with rod and gun and where he speaks of homesteads worth two thousand dollars being secured with practically no outlay. Perhaps he is referring to that class of homesteader who merely sits on the homestead and barely complies with the regulations, and then leaves the country and offers the one-fourth section for sale. Is this the kind of settler required to develop Canada? There are so many of this class of homesteader that it makes it more difficult for the man who is really farming his land. If the land were farmed from the first, we should have the railroads extended earlier, and it would not be necessary for the man who does farm to poison gophers on the one-fourth sections all round his own. But then, by barely complying with the regulations, it means an expenditure of about eight hundred dollars for store bills, house-building, haulage of fuel, stopping-house fees, etc.

Of all the difficulties with which the homesteader has to contend, the greatest is the financial one. At the present time the majority of the homesteads are 40 miles from the railroad, and many are going 60, 80 and 100 miles from the railroad. Imagine the cost of living at this distance from town for three or four years, especially in the case of a man with a family. A man with a good trade could easily earn the value of a homestead in three years without undergoing the hardships of homesteading. If Mr. Belrose has a homestead, some of us would like to have a few facts and figures as to his outlay, and what he has to show for it.

I only filed last July, yet my expenditure already is four hundred and eighty dollars, and I have purchased nothing but absolute necessities. I estimate an outlay of at least \$343.00 for 1909, and \$300 for 1910, before I commence to harvest my first crop.

The following is a list of expenditures to date:

Team of oxen, harness and wagon.....	\$260.00
Homestead fee.....	10.00
Plow (second-hand).....	15.00
Stove.....	15.00
House (10 by 14, shingle roof and one thickness of shiplap).....	50.00
Small tools and cooking utensils.....	50.00
Store bill, stopping-house expenses, etc.....	80.00

Total..... \$480.00

After laying out this sum I worked out during the fall and earned \$80.00 which I have to spend to support myself on the place during the winter. All I have been able to do on the homestead is to put up 3 tons of hay, build the house, break 3 acres, and haul coal, firewood, and a few fence posts.

The problem now before me is to work out during the coming summer, and by so doing, work on the homestead will be at a standstill. If I take the alternate course, it means laying out \$130.00 (a low figure) for an extra team of oxen and harness, and breaking all I can during the season—say about 80 acres. Then I shall be hindered all the season unless I spend \$20.00 for barb wire to fence a pasture. During summer, store bill for supplies will amount to \$60.00, blacksmith sharpening plow points \$15.00, hire of mower and rake \$10.00. The breaking would have to be disced in the fall, and disc hire would be about \$20.00, plus Local Improvement District tax \$8.00, making the total for 1909, \$343.00.

If I winter my four oxen with a neighbor for \$30.00 and work out during the winter of 1909-1910, it is not likely that I should arrive back in the spring of 1910 with more than would pay for the keep of the oxen and pay my store bill for the summer. The cost in 1910 will be: store bill, \$50.00; seed wheat for 80 acres, \$112.00; hire of drill, \$12.00; formaldehyde, \$2.00; gopher poison, \$1.00. We have no herd law here, and it would necessitate fencing the crop with a three strand wire fence at a cost of \$75.00; hire of mower and rake, \$10.00; Local Improvement District tax, \$8.00; total 1910, \$300.00. By this time I shall have laid out \$1123.00 before I commence to harvest the crop in 1910.

Oh! you exclaim, but you have the 80 acres of crop to fall back on! Well, sir, after the above heavy outlay there would be the cost of cutting, threshing bill, and erection of granary. Then comes a most serious problem. Suppose the railroad extension is postponed, as has been the case time after time, in what position shall I find myself with 80 acres crop of wheat to haul to town 60 miles away. The round trip is five days (a week's work for team) with the heavy expense of stopping-house fees, etc. At this distance from town one cannot order a car and ship direct, so it would mean selling to the elevator at the price they think fit. You will, therefore, see that there cannot be much profit in hauling wheat this distance to obtain 64 to 68 cents per bushel, as was paid here last fall. There are many farmers round here who came in with their families and have up to the present sunk \$2000.00 in house building, purchase of horses, implements, etc., and at the present time are in debt and know not which way to turn to extricate themselves.

A neighbor of mine proves up in the coming spring and has spent from \$1000 to \$1200 in the three years and all he has to show is the homestead worth about \$1600. It will take several years of good crops to get out of debt for his machinery. He is a practical all-

round man, a strenuous worker both summer and winter, neither smokes nor drinks and has denied himself in every way and cannot now even afford to keep a dog. And yet, sir, in the article referred to we are told that by judicious management one may secure a homestead worth two thousand dollars with practically no outlay.

Alberta.

B. C. JAMES.

Hired Man has a Suggestion

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

I don't see any reason why more hired men should not write. There are some intellectual men among them and if they could only be prevailed upon to express their ideas, it would open up branches of thought which would be of benefit to both the men and the farmers. I have been in this country, now, a number of years, and have been fortunate enough to get with the best of men. Men who took a pride in their farms, and believed in the system of thoroughness in everything that was done, and who subscribed to such papers as yours, and were not above discussing the articles therein with the hired man. The benefit from this is more far-reaching than it seems on the surface. Not only does direct benefit for both ensue, by promoting interest in the work (for what man will not work better for having the interest of his work at heart), but it instills into the mind of the man ideas, which, should he ever take or make a farm of his own will merge into practice, and in all probability spread their influence on some rising community. Would not the farmer be amply repaid, apart from the mercenary part, if he heard of the man who worked for him turning out a better place than his neighbor, and this, to a great extent, due to his influence and advice. So if I might add a suggestion to the farmer, it would be to do unto the hired man, as he would like to be done to, if their positions were reversed and to lend a helping hand in the way I have mentioned. I am sure it would be appreciated, and nothing would be lost by it and there would be lots to gain, and let the hired man contribute his quota to the papers.

Wallace Mun., Man.

J. A. A.

MARKETS

Wheat markets, the world over, have been decidedly bullish for the past week. After a considerable period in which narrow daily fluctuations were the feature, with, however, a slight upward trend, prices about Feb. 4th began to steadily advance. America led in the upward movement, English exchanges at times falling away, and in the week the May option advanced 4 cents, with a 3 cent advance for cash. The upward movement was largely of speculative origin, with, however, an increasingly strong demand for actual wheat, and a strengthening generally of the whole situation. The advance in American markets was more sensational than at Winnipeg or in European centers. The Patten crowd in Chicago are reported heavy buyers, their activity in the market being responsible for the sharp advances.

The market looks, and is, strong. Values have been to some extent forced in reaching the level they have attained, and a slump of some magnitude is expected to follow the advance. There is little likelihood, however, of prices breaking down to the point they started from ten days ago. The advance in wheat prices over a lengthened period is never steady. Prices one day advance sharply and may, for a time, maintain their new position, but as a rule, the causes responsible for the rise are over-estimated, and when the influence they exert has passed, or has been to some extent countered, a break must of necessity occur. In a season when the world's situation is such that every possible cause for advancing values is eagerly seized on, when on one hand, we have a strong speculative element, loaded to the limit with wheat, intent solely on creating conditions that will advance the value of the world's breadstuff, and on the other those who want the actual wheat, intent on keeping prices at such a level that the wheat bought on future delivery for actual milling purposes, will not reach a point where they, the buyers, will be forced out of their profits when the grain is actually ground and put upon the market, when a situation such as this exists, as it always does to some extent, but particularly in a wheat year like the present, when the world is dangerously near the low mark in supplies, there is bound to be some sensational movements in the price of grain. Violent upward movements have been forecasted for some time by those in touch with the situation, and the record of the past week is an example of what may be expected until the world is assured either of a good crop in 1909-10, or of no better than last year's return. Fluctuations will tend to become more violent as the season advances.

Prices day by day for the past week were as follows:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
No. 1 North-ern.....	103½	103½	103½	105½	105½	106½
No. 2 North-ern.....	100	99½	100	101½	102	102½
No. 3 North-ern.....	97½	97½	98	99½	99	100½

No. 4.....	93	93	93½	94½	95½	95½
No. 5.....	88	88	88½	89½	89½	90
No. 6.....	81	81	82	83	83	83½
Feed.....	70	70½	70½	71	71	71
No. 1 Alber-ta Red ..	101	101	101½	101½	101½	103
Oats—						
No. 2 White	40½	40½	40½	41	40½	40½
No. 3 White	39½	39½	39½	40	40	39½
Feed	38½	39½	39½	40	40	39½
Feed 2.....	37½	38½	38½	39	39	38½

Barley—						
No. 3.....	48	48	49	50	50	50
No. 4.....	45½	45	46	48	48	48
Feed	41	41	41½	43	43	43

Flax—						
No. 1 N. W.	127	127	128	130	129½	130
No. 1 Man.	125	125	126	128	127½	128

Option market for the week was as follows:

	Monday—	Open	High	Low	Close
Feb.....	102½	103½	103	103	103
May.....	105½	105½	105½	105½	105½
July.....	106½	106½	106½	106½	106½

Tuesday—					
Feb.....	102½	.....	.....	.....	102½
May.....	106½	105½	105	105	105½
July.....	106½	106½	106½	106½	106½

Wednesday—					
Feb.....	102½	.....	.....	.....	103
May.....	105½	.....	.....	.....	106½
July.....	106½	106½	105½	105½	106½

Thursday—					
Feb.....	103	.....	.....	.....	104½
May.....	106½	107½	106½	107½	107½
July.....	107	108½	107½	108½	108½

Friday—					
Feb.....	104½	.....	.....	.....	105
May.....	107½	107½	106½	106½	106½
July.....	108½	.....	.....	.....	107½

Saturday—					
Feb.....	105	.....	105½	105½	105½
May.....	107	108	108	108	108
July.....	108	108½	108½	108½	108½

PRODUCE AND MILL FEED.

Bran.....			\$19.00
Shorts.....			20.00
Chopped Feeds—			
Barley and oats.....			24.00
Barley.....			22.00
Oats.....			26.00
Hay, per ton car on track,			
Winnipeg (prairie hay).....	\$6.00	@	7.00
Timothy.....	9.00	@	10.00
Baled straw.....	4.00	@	5.00

BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS

Fresh turned creamery bricks.....	33		
Storage bricks.....	27	@	30
Boxes, 26 to 14 lbs.....	29		

DAIRY BUTTER—			
Extra, fancy dairy prints.....	24	@	26
Dairy in tubs.....	21	@	23

EGGS—			
Manitoba, fresh.....	40		
Cold storage, candled.....	33		
Pickled.....	31		

POULTRY—			
Turkey, Manitoba.....	18	@	
Turkey, fine Ontario (undrawn and case weights).....	17	@	19
Spring chicken, per lb.....	15		
Ducks, per lb.....	15		
Geese, per lb.....	13	@	15

VEGETABLES—			
Potatoes, per bushel.....	70	@	75
Carrots, per cwt.....	\$1.00		
Beets, per cwt.....	1.00		
Turnips, per cwt.....	75		
Manitoba celery, per dozen.....	40	@	50
Cabbage, per cwt.....	1.50		
Onions, per cwt.....	1.75	@	2.00
Parsnips, per cwt.....	2.00		

HIDES—			
Frozen (subject to usual tare).....	7½	@	7½
No. 1 tallow.....	5		
No. 2 tallow.....	4		
Sheepskins (late taken off).....	40	@	75
Lambskins (late taken off).....	40	@	75
Wool (western unwashed).....	7	@	8

DRESSED MEATS—			
Beef carcasses, per lb.....	7½		
Hind quarters.....	9		
Front quarters.....	6½		
Dressed hogs.....	8½		
Dressed lamb.....	11½		
Dressed mutton.....	10½		

LIVESTOCK, WINNIPEG.

Butcher cattle \$3.50 to \$4.00; sheep (quotation no offering) \$5.50; lambs, \$6.00 to \$6.50; hogs, \$5.75; heavy hogs, \$4.75.

TORONTO.

Export steers, \$5.20 to \$5.40; butcher cattle, \$4.60 to \$4.80; cows, \$2.25 to \$3.50; store cattle, \$3.60 to \$4.00; sheep, \$4.00 to \$4.50; lambs, \$6.00 to \$6.50; hogs, \$6.75.

HOME JOURNAL

A Department for the Family

People and Things the World Over

The march of civilization in Afganistan has reached the post card. The Amir has introduced into his state one-anna post cards with ornamental Persian script.

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An article in *The Spectator* on "Bores" has called forth the following definition of a bore which was given by the late Bishop Mackarness of Oxford: "A bore is a man who will talk about himself when you want to talk about yourself." Sydney Smith is said to be responsible for the original definition.

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Since Rudolf Eucken received the Nobel prize for literature, translators are hurrying to place his works before the American people in English. "Rudolf Eucken's Philosophy of Life," by Prof. W. R. Boyce-Gibson is already in a second edition. Prof. and Mrs. Gibson have nearly ready for publication a translation of Eucken's "The Meaning and Value of Life."

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Prof. Lounsbury, of Yale, writing in the February Harper's of "Archaic Speech of the Uneducated," says that nowadays only the wilfully or the obviously unlettered will confuse the verbs "to learn" and "to teach"; yet Shakespeare has more than a dozen examples in his works of the use of "learn" in the sense of "teach," and the brilliant Lady Mary Montagu sometimes blundered in the same manner.

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Because she had abandoned her home and family and run away with her husband's best friend, Mrs. Grace Conger was sentenced by Judge Wismer of Flint, Mich., to "receive no callers for the next three years except in the presence of the adult members of your family; to spend your evenings at home, and to report to the Court every 60 days." The sentence, which is perhaps the most original ever passed in Michigan, was imposed after Mrs. Conger's husband had pleaded with the Court to deal leniently with her for her abandonment of him.

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Without amendment, the United States senate passed the house bill making February 12, 1909, the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, a legal holiday and recommending its celebration throughout the United States, for which purpose the President is authorized to issue a special proclamation. The bill also declares that as a part of a national memorial to Lincoln, there may be built a highway from Washington City to the battlefield of Gettysburg, to be known as "the Lincoln Way." An appropriation of \$50,000 is made for a survey of plans and estimates for such a highway.

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Sir Gilbert Parker has been elected president of the Sir Walter Scott Society in Edinburgh, succeeding the Right Honorable George Wyndham. Sir Gilbert, despite political responsibilities, is yet devoting his time to literary work and has written several short stories. "The Weavers," published in the early fall of 1907, was one of the most popular novels of the last year and it has just gone to press for a new impression. At present, Sir Gilbert, whose home is in Carlton Terrace, London, Eng., is sojourning in France and stopping at Biarritz.

The number of words in the English language has never been accurately estimated. It would be almost impossible to do so, for the language is being constantly enriched by the addition of new words. The Standard Dictionary is said to contain 300,000 words, and the Century 225,000. In his various plays Shakespeare used about 15,000 words. Milton used only about half as many in his writings. A person of culture and education has a speaking vocabulary of about 5,000 words; an ordinary person uses from 2,000 to 3,000 words. It is said that every person has three vocabularies. The largest is the reading vocabulary, which is the words of which he knows the meaning and which convey ideas to his mind when seen in print. The second largest is the writing vocabulary, or the words he uses in written thought. The smallest is the speaking vocabulary, or the words he uses in conversation.

Cuba Left to Herself

Ever since the close of the Spanish-American war, it has generally been considered only a matter of time before the United States government, following the example of Britain, withdrew its authority in Cuba and left the island free to work out its own destiny as a self-governing country. That time has arrived, and in pursuance of the intention to withdraw, the American governor, Magoon and other American officials sailed from Havana harbor in the new "Maine," on January 28th. Just previous to their departure, the inauguration of Jose Miguel Gomez as President of Cuba had taken place. The out-going authority left some directions behind, which were proclaimed in an address by Governor Magoon at the time of the inauguration. The departure was made with the understanding that all legislation and regulations of the government then in power should remain in force under the new authority until repealed in legal form; that the many obligations of the out-going government should be assumed by the new, and that contracts already made for public works and sanitation should be faithfully carried out. All other nations will watch with interest Cuba's endeavors to become a self-governing people, and hearty good wishes should accompany the interest from all freedom possessing nations.

Little New Light on Cancer

The British Imperial Cancer Research commission has sent in a report after six year's work. Six years is a long time and they worked arduously, and the fact that, after all, there is so little to report is a plain indication of the mysteries of the cause and cure of this dreadful disease. The medical scientists have found out more about what it is not than about what it is. So far, they have found no cancer germ. The disease can only be carried from one organism to another by transplanting the living cells, so that the fear of catching it from handling the clothes or living in the same house with a patient is greatly relieved. But on the other hand, there is no way of preventing its appearance and no one can be rendered immune. As far as the commissioner can discover, the food one eats has nothing to do with the disease, it being found among vegetarians and flesh-eaters alike. Civilization, apparently, has nothing to do with it, for animals share it with man, and savage with civilized. The only remedy recommended is the removal of the tumor at an early stage by a surgeon. The radium cure, so much exploited recently, has not yet satisfied the commission of its value.

Another Good Man Gone

In reckoning up the agencies that have contributed in large measure to the expansion and uplifting of Western Canada, the church must come high on the list with the Anglican and Roman Catholic bodies leading. And the chief honor should be paid, not so much to the churches, —though they planned and paid—but to the individuals who came to do missionary work under pioneer conditions, among the native Indian tribes or with the earliest settlements of other peoples. Of these missionaries of the Gospel, few are left, and death is claiming one by one the men who gave their lives in long years of spiritual service to Western Canada.

The last to go from his field of labor is Canon William A. Burman, who died in Winnipeg a few weeks ago. He was born in Lincolnshire, England—Tennyson's home—but came direct from there to Manitoba in 1875, before the days of railways. Four years later he was given charge of a mission for a band of Sioux Indians who had settled at Griswold a few years previous to his coming among them. Someone has said that when he arrived they were hunting buffalo, and when he left them in 1889 they were raising wheat and building churches and schools.

Canon Burman was an accomplished linguist and used this ability for the good of his Indian children. He translated the prayer book and other works into the Sioux language, and assisted in a new translation of the Cree Bible. His library on the North American Indian was one of the largest of its kind in America. His discoveries in botanical science were many, and so important that he was appointed botanist and entomologist to the Manitoba government for a time. When he left the mission, it was to become principal of an Indian industrial school near Winnipeg, and later he was Bursar and Professor of St. John's College.

A Kipling Poem Recovered

The February *Bookman* publishes Kipling's "The Foreloper," which it describes as "The hitherto lost poem." It would seem that of this early bit of Kipling, only the first six lines remained within the general memory of men, including the author. The entire poem, fourteen lines in all, was recently discovered in the columns of a Pacific Coast publication.

The gull shall whistle in his wake, the blind
wave break in fire,
He shall fulfil God's utmost will unknowing
His desire;
And he shall see old planets pass and alien stars
arise,
And give the gale his reckless sail in shadow of
new skies,
Strong lust of gear shall drive him out and hunger
arm his hand
To wring his food from a desert nude, his foothold
from the sand.
His neighbor's smoke shall vex his eyes, their
voices break his rest,
He shall go forth till South is North, sullen and
dispossessed;
And he shall desire loneliness, and his desire shall
bring
Hard on his heels a thousand wheels, a people,
and a king;
And he shall come back in his own track, and by
his scarce, cool camp;
There he shall meet the roaring street, the derrick,
and the stamp;
For he must blaze a nation's ways with hatchet
and with brand
Till on his last won wilderness an Empire's
bulwarks stand.

THE QUIET HOUR

TELEPATHIC INFLUENCE

Though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit.—Col. ii.: 5.

"Oh, turn me, mould me, mellow me for use,
Pervade my being with Thy vital force,
That this else inexpensive life of mine
May become eloquent and full of power,
Impregnated with life and strength divine,
Put the bright torch of heaven into my hand,
That I may carry it aloft
And win the eye of weary wanderers here below,
To guide their feet into the paths of peace.
I cannot raise the dead,
Nor from this soil pluck precious dust,
Nor bid the sleeper wake,
Nor still the storm, nor bend the lightning back,
Nor muffle up the thunder,
Nor bid the chains fall from off creation's long enfeathered limbs.
But I can live a life that tells on other lives.
And makes this world less full of anguish and of pain;
A life that like the pebble dropped upon the sea
Sends its wide circles to a hundred shores.
May such a life be mine.
Creator of true life, Thyself the life
Thou givest,
Give Thyself, that Thou mayest dwell in me, and I in Thee."

Though people sometimes call this "a material age," perhaps there never was a time when psychological phenomena were more carefully noted and studied. St. Paul's statement that he is with the Colossian church in the "spirit," though absent in the "flesh," is not necessarily a poetical figure of speech, but is quite up-to-date and scientifically possible. In a letter to the Corinthian church he commands them to hold a sort of ecclesiastical court, in order to judge one of their number who had committed a great sin, and again he promises to be there to help in their decision, although in the very same letter he says: "I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost."

Modern cases of thought-transference are often very startling to us who don't understand the laws which govern our own spirits. May I instance one or two? One Sunday morning last summer a lady in Toronto was lying apparently at the point of death, when suddenly she said to the nurse, "I hear Canon Cayley praying for me, and I am going to get better." He was praying for her by name in the church, at that hour. She told my niece that she heard the words with perfect distinctness. Quackenbos says that when anyone is dying he is in an intensely hypnotic state, and unusually free from the restraining power of the body. Who can determine the telepathic power of the human soul?

Another instance of thought-transference occurred a few nights ago. It is rather ludicrous, but shows pretty conclusively to my mind that thoughts can flash from mind to mind without bodily assistance. I was in the midst of long and connected dreams, between 3 o'clock and daylight, when suddenly a cat seemed to run before my dreaming eyes, and jumped from the top of a high building. I thought nothing of it until I heard that about that hour someone had leaned out of an upstairs window and dropped a cat to the ground. It could hardly have been a coincidence, for nothing that had gone before could have suggested such a dream.

I was once reading aloud to a sick person when my brother walked along

the sidewalk, shut the gate with a click, and came in. He said, as he came into the room and saw the Bible: "You have been reading the twelfth chapter of Ecclesiastes, haven't you?" As a matter of fact, I had just finished reading that very chapter, so I was naturally rather startled.

Perhaps you may wonder why I fill up my space with such occurrences, as they do not on the surface appear to be very helpful from a spiritual point of view. But if you look at the matter more closely you may see their bearing. It is a truism that people influence others far more by what they are than by what they say or do. But how can the secret thoughts of a man, or his secret character, influence others? Simply by this very fact of telepathy or thought-transference. The thoughts you cherish, the thoughts which are slowly making you, are leaping out without your knowledge or will, and affecting, for good or ill, your relations and acquaintances. Then think how tremendously important it is that you should guard your thoughts, and obey the Apostle's command to think of the things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report.

When Saul came to Samuel to ask about the lost asses of his father, he found himself expected. A choice



LIFTING SALMON ON THE FRASER

portion of food had been especially reserved for him, and Samuel told him that the asses were found and that his father was alarmed about his long absence. How did Samuel know all this? I don't see that we need to explain all mysterious events in the Bible records as miraculous in their nature. There are men nowadays who seem to have special gifts in mind-reading, and perhaps Samuel's name of "The Seer" was given because of this special faculty.

Quackenbos says that when he hypnotizes a patient, he is depressed or uplifted himself, according to the character of the patient. After dealing with a person of peculiarly beautiful character, he is filled with a strange sense of joy for days. Surely we can all testify to the inspiring influence of fragrant lives, the saints who are the salt of the earth.

If I began by commonplace descriptions of thought-transference, it was because I want you to realize that telepathic influence is not the sentimental idea of visionary idealists, but is a solid, every-day fact—as much an instrument for ordinary use as the telephone. You want to reach those you love, reach their hearts more surely than any spoken or written word can do. Then put your hand in God's and reach out to them through Him. Send your thought-messages many times a day. You need no Marconi station, no scientific education. God Himself will see that they reach their destination.

Are you longing to help in the great missionary movement that is reaching out to win the world for Christ, and are you tied down to the prosaic household tasks that seem to be always ready to be done over again? To you, also, comes the call: "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught!" Right there, without moving your body one step from home, you can touch and help God's children in any part of His great kingdom.

While I was writing these words I received this letter from one of "The Farmer's Advocate" readers in Maryfeld, Sask.:

Dear Hope,—I am writing to thank you for help received from the "Quiet Hour," and enclose \$5 towards your work among the poor. God has been very good to me and mine since we left the Old Country six years ago to come to this wonderful Canada, with all its possibilities."

Was it only an accidental coincidence, do you think, that this very day my attention should have been especially drawn towards two tiny babies, whose father is working in Regina, and whose mother died there last fall? The babies were sent to be cared for by their grandmother in Ontario, and she is very poor. It seemed as though this money from the West came on purpose to give needed help to these little Western children.

Then there is "A Lancashire Lass," who is living the quietest of lives, bearing her heavy cross with cheery courage, and reaching out to touch

"I have lived one kind year. To many other people I presume I have been about the same sort of fellow as for many years. But to my faithful wife I have not spoken one fretful or cross or complaining word, to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have not made much money this year, but I have made one heart glad.

"Let me tell you how difficult this was. Did you ever stand by a running stream and think how smooth as oil its swift flow was? Then you thrust your hand in the water, and lo! It was a mill race. The waters boiled and splattered about your hand till you could hardly hold it there.

"I never realized the force of my snappy, scolding habit to that woman till my new vow began to check it. I found that I had been in the constant habit of playing the coward—that is, scolding a good woman. A dozen times each week the fretful words sprang to my lips. I shut my mouth tightly, and my! how the bitter stuff bubbled and boiled against my teeth on the inside! You may laugh but actually I had to chew the words.

"I have noticed an increased fondness in my wife, this one kind year. She draws near to me oftener, she confides in me more, she has lost that 'I'm afraid-of-you' look that half the time she used to wear. We consult now about family matters; before we used to telephone to each other, as it were. Her spirit has improved. The irritation that I had reflected, it seems, she caught, and now that I am a better man she is a sweeter woman. It makes my heart ache to recall how often she used at first, in this kind year, to glance up at me with a surprised and questioning look, when I spoke gently. I caught her studying me, curiously, as if she were wondering if I had secretly made a fortune recently, or had met with what the minister calls a change of heart, or was growing to be a boy again. I think she decided on the latter, for her eyes grew soft and young, like the girlish eyes I first loved years ago. And she began to act young herself. She resumed the use of the pet name she gave me long, long ago. I never let on, I just silently kept to my resolve: 'Not one cross word in one kind year.'

"The best of all is the decided improvement in the dear woman's health. My wife eats better, has more nerve, more vitality every way. The children do not worry her half as much as they used to. She gets along with less fretting. It is a good way to round up this one kind year.

"It is curious how smiles furnish a house. I presume you know what it is to have your wife beg you to buy a new chair, or picture, or some other thing. Our things get worn out. Well, my wife hasn't asked me such a thing all this one kind year. Yet somehow I say the old home looks better furnished than it did a year ago. Maybe it's the sunshine on the old things. Sunshine can do almost anything.

"I have been surprised by my own increased appetite for breakfast and dinner. A fellow can't eat and scold too. Breakfast was my favorite time for scolding—except dinner at night—for I take my lunch down town. Let me see; that makes a meal at home a growler's feast. Well, that was about so. My lunch was my best meal, for I ate alone and there was nobody to fret at. Now all is changed. Meals at home—I like them. There are no salt tears on the bread. God forgive me! How often I used to make somebody cry, wife or one of the two children at table. All is now changed in this one kind year.

"In fact, the thing has gone with me to the store. I have gradually got in the habit of being first civil, then kind to the boys. It is like oil down there the last few months. It is queer, but everybody hates to be scolded: even I do. A kind word is better than a whip with a clerk. Now I am going on one kind year more. I don't make any very loud pretensions, but I think there's a deal of gratitude to the Almighty in being kind to his creatures. Perhaps it will go further than creeds. For if a man does not love his fellow, whom he has seen, how shall he love God whom he has not seen?"

her sisters' lives and inspire them with patience. And right here I wish to thank her for her letter to me and for the verses enclosed. It is not possible for me to start a private correspondence with our readers, as I have already more writing to do than is good for me; but it is always a great pleasure to hear from any of you.

It is wonderful to remember that God is always ready and willing to act through us, to speak to people through our lips, to let His Life-spring Spirit breathe through our spirits. The business of our lives should be to keep this spirit of ours pure and strong, so that it may be a really valuable instrument in God's hands. He knows where to find us, and how best to make use of us.

"What light is going out from you, now, and every day, to those who have not joy of your secret? What radiance can they see about you? What good cheer do you bring? Is there any one dark soul that brightens at your coming—and brightens, not with your own light, but with that light which you hold in you from Him who alone is the Light of the World? His light it must be. Is there any one to whom that light passes through your ministry?"

DORA FARNCOMB ("HOPE").

ONE KIND YEAR

A married man who cured himself of the habit of speaking crossly to his wife, his children and his employees, writes as follows:

INGLE NOOK

THE RIGHT WORD AT THE RIGHT TIME

Dear Dame Durden:—Would you kindly answer this question in your query column:—

1. What is the most appropriate reply to a gentleman when he asks a lady for the pleasure of a skate with her?

2. And is it necessary to reply when the skate is finished when the gentleman says, "Thank you?"

A PICKWICKIAN ON ICE.

(It is quite possible, and much preferable, to get away from the stiffness of formal etiquette without going to the other extreme and appearing too eager and gushing. If it is someone you know very well who makes the request, a friendly smile and a "Certainly, Jack" is what will please him most. "I shall be pleased," in a slightly more formal tone is enough in response to an acquaintance.

When the skate is over and your escort has thanked you, a smile is sufficient reward, or you may say in reply, "I have enjoyed it, too." Don't be stiff about it; that is worse than being too grateful. I'm sure you know just the friendly "happy medium" that will make the boys want another skate with a girl who knows how to show that she is pleased, but not too pleased. D.D.)

THE AMATEUR BOTANISTS

THE ROOT OF THE PLANT

One of the miracles of the World About Us is, that no matter in what position a seed is placed in the earth, the root that is hidden in that seed, when it has germinated, always turns down into the soil, and the stalk tip as invariably turns up seeking light and air. The pointed end of the embryo in the seed is the starting point of the root and is called the *radicle*.

The root has two distinct uses:—To form an anchor for the plant enabling it to defy wind and storm, and, of even greater importance, to find and furnish the nourishment required by the plant that it may grow and mature as Nature intended. The plant can take food from the soil only in liquid form, but the necessary acids and salts are soluble in water and so the root drinks in these in the form of liquid.

Roots are not passive feeders, devouring only what is brought to them. They go after what they want with surprising activity. They reach out their hair-like tendrils and strain and stretch in order to obtain the food the plant needs. They will surmount the greatest obstacles to satisfy desire, even to thrusting aside and splitting rocks. In this effort to maintain the plant, they grow in length and strength. They are pliable and easily twisted, but not easily broken, fitted, you see, to worm their way through the soil after food.

All roots which are produced from the radicle and in a direct line with it are true roots and are generally called *primary* roots. The primary roots may

be divided into two main classes, *tap* roots and *fibrous* roots. The tap root is characterised by a thick, fleshy root much larger than any of the branches springing from it. It has the power to store up food for the plants future needs, as well as to gather it. The turnip, beet, carrot, mallow and radish belong to this class. The fibrous roots are a mass of fine branches coming out immediately from the radicle in all directions. The various grasses and grains are excellent examples of this kind of root. Sometimes the fibrous root will thicken as in the peony, until the branches appear almost as large as the tap variety; they are then said to be *fascicled*.

You have all noticed how the end of a runner on a strawberry vine will root itself in the ground and yet have no connection with the radicle. The verberna does the same. All such roots not produced directly from the radicle are called *secondary* or *adventitious*. You can see them also above ground springing from the lower joints of the corn plant.

When their span of life is considered, roots are of three kinds, annual, biennial and perennial. If its whole life, from the germination of the seed producing it to the maturing of the seed it produces, is complete in one season it is an annual. It is biennial if it does not flower and ripen its fruit until the second season. It is perennial if it lives on for years. The trunk or stem as in trees or shrubs may remain, or the stem may die down and the root still retain its life as in the peony, dahlia, iris.

DAME DURDEN.

FRIENDS IN THE INGLE NOOK

Dear Dame Durden:—I guess you think I have forgotten the Ingle Nook, but I haven't by any means. I have been so very busy studying, buying presents, etc., that I hadn't much time for anything else. I had a good jolly vacation and "Father Christmas" was very good to me.

I have found out who "Prairie maiden" is and have had some nice letters from her. I also have another nice correspondent through your page.

The weather is very cold now. I froze my cheek going to school this morning and of course that isn't very pleasant. I am going to a party to-night and hope to have a good time.

I have been having a good time reading some good books lately. I do like to read books, especially good, wholesome love-stories. Do you see any harm in reading them?

I will close, wishing the Ingle Nook every success.

Man.

MINNEHABA.

(No, my dear, I do not see any harm in reading love-stories of the good, wholesome type, so long as the reading does not conflict with any duty at the time. If you can get "Great Books as Life Teachers" by Newell Dwight Hillis, you will find both pleasure and profit in reading it.

I hope the party was a huge success, and that Jack Frost paid you no further attentions. He touched the tip of my ear one cold Sunday. D.D.)

THE PRAIRIE FLOWERS

Dear Dame Durden:—I am pleased to see that the Ingle Nook is taking up the subject of Botany. I am sure that we shall derive a great deal of pleasure and profit from a study of our Canadian plants. I found several beautiful specimens last summer, but failed to get a name for them. Our country is so rich in beautiful wild flowers and other plants that I think it is a pity we do not become better acquainted with them. The botany class will overcome this difficulty. I am sure it will be a great success. Though it is the middle of winter I do not think it is too soon for you to waken us up.

I enclose a recipe for a Spanish Bun which is very good. It is as follows:

3 eggs, 2 cups brown sugar, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup butter, 1 teaspoon allspice, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon cloves, 1 cup sour milk, 1 teaspoon soda, 2 cups of flour. Bake in a bread pan.

Wishing the Page every success, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
Manitoba.

KELVIN GROVE.

numbers of foreigners, and they rule the vote,—a few hundreds of poorest grade bring in "sweeping majorities." Well, that is rather mannish talk for women, so I would like to speak on another subject that seems to be interesting Western women more than female franchise, viz: the dower law. My husband would hardly believe that such a law was lacking here. He says, "All women deserve one-third, some one half, but most of them more than that." Of course, if all men were like him it would not be needful to have a dower, but, unfortunately, many are not so fair-minded. As I am "No. Two" he should know what he is talking about. There is another subject that interests me and that is the union of the churches. I think it would be a grand thing, for there is so much ill-feeling started sometimes and fostered, by the different church members which only serves to retard God's cause. We live in a very nice neighborhood and all my friends have been so kind to me regardless of creed, and it does hurt so to find they have hard feelings for one another, just from misunderstanding



GENUINE LITTLE PAPOOSES

(It is to all you interested people I am looking for help to make that botany class a success. We are very glad to have you with us. D. D.)

INGLE NOOK NEWS NOTES

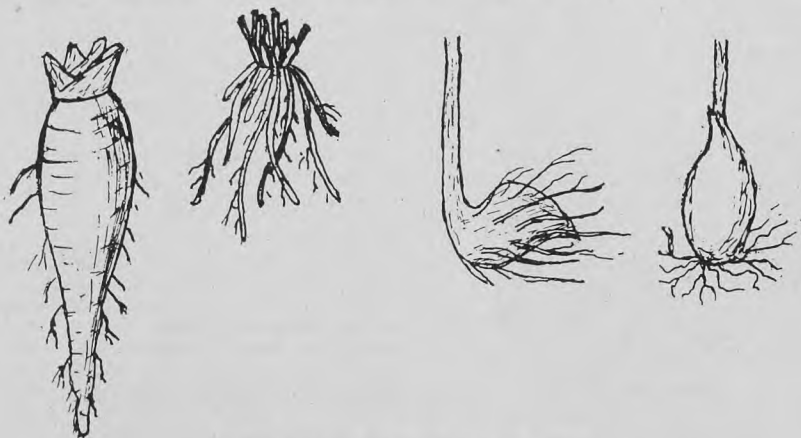
"Wishful to learn" sends kindly greetings but has not felt well enough to write letters. She also sent some good recipes which appeared on page 70, January 13th issue.

WHO CAN HELP

Dear Dame Durden and the Ingle Nook:—I have been interested in this corner for so long that I feel as though I "belonged" to the Ingle Nook, and have often thought of writing before, but thought that nineteen dozen were surely members enough. Now, however, so few are writing, and I feel so disappointed when I turn to the page, that I will try and do my share. Like "Nameless" I never wanted to vote, but have often felt indignant at the men folk for taking so little interest in their country. Around here are such

and bigotry.

Well, I had a very different letter in mind when I started this and have written so much that there will not be space for my wants. My husband has been ill for over a year now, and the doctor cannot help his case at all. We were in Winnipeg last summer, but they told me there was no hope for him. He is perfectly helpless. I have four small children, the eldest just past six, and I need help. There are a number of Galician girls here, but they do not fill the bill. What I really need most is a girl who could go to school with my little girl and help me night and morning. I have heard that there is a Home in Winnipeg where girls are sent out for a certain time for their board, clothing and schooling, and such an one is what I need. I would willingly give the managers leave to refer to my neighbors, the minister, doctor, or any other person as to the home and treatment the girl would receive. Of course, I should want a girl whom one could trust with little girls, as there is evil enough, and it is soon enough learned without having it taught them. If you could give me



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any information on this subject, I would be so glad. I thought perhaps some reader of the page would know of someone in need of a home.

Another subject I have had in mind was the "Trade System." No matter what produce we have, all we can get is trade, although there are doctor's bills, etc., that could not be paid for in that way, and it is very awkward sometimes. The remedy you spoke of Dame Durden, is hardly practicable in the small towns, as one woman in this neighborhood alone could supply every family in our town, and one other the boarding houses. Then what will the other hundred or so women do? A good number of our neighbors ship to Winnipeg, finding this the most satisfactory way to do.

Only your kind assurance that all are welcome and that you would cut down and correct the letters, gave me courage to write. Please do with this as you think best and greatly oblige,

Sask

WIFE No. Two.

(We feel as if you "belong", too, after reading your nice long letter. I am very sorry to hear of your husband's helplessness. It must grieve him to think of the burdens laid upon you. At present I do not know where you could get a girl to help, but shall send you word the minute I get any information. I hope any of the members who can help in this difficulty will write in promptly and let us know.

I agree with you that having to take trade for your produce is a great disadvantage when all your wants cannot be supplied by the merchant who takes your stuff. It isn't much encouragement to do your trading in your home town. D. D.)

RECIPES SENT BY SUFFOLK

Beef Rissoles.—Take the remains of cold roast beef and to each pound of meat allow ¼ pound of bread crumbs, salt and pepper to taste, herbs, minced onion, lemon peel, 1 egg and, if too dry, a very little gravy. Thoroughly mix and roll into balls, dust lightly with flour and fry a nice brown.

Stewed Ox Tail.—Joint and cut up the tail into small pieces, put them in a stew pan. Cover with stock, cut up 2 turnips, 2 onions, 2 carrots and a few savory herbs. Pepper and salt to taste. Simmer for at least two hours and thicken gravy with a little butter and flour.

Toad-in-the-Hole.—Make a batter of 2 eggs, 1 pint of milk, 4 tablespoons of flour and a piece of salt. Cut about 1½ pounds of steak and a kidney into small pieces, dust with pepper and salt. Stir the meat into the batter and pour into a well-greased pie dish and bake for one and a half hours in a good oven. The remains of underdone cold beef can well replace the steak.

Potato Pie.—Take the remains of cold roast beef or any meat, cut small, place in bottom of pan, season with pepper, salt, herbs to taste, almost cover with good gravy. Make a crust of potatoes well mashed and beaten with an egg, (or a little milk) and a small piece of butter. Bake till crust is a nice pale brown (about one-half hour).

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Wife (displaying a large lamp-shade, recently purchased)—"Isn't that perfectly lovely my dear? And it only cost 27s. 6d." Husband (severely)—"If you wear that to church tomorrow, you'll go alone. There's a limit to everything, including hats."

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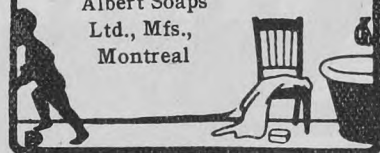
A photographer gives the following directions to his customers: "When a lady sitting for a picture would compose her mouth to a bland and serene character, she should, just before entering the room, say 'Broom', and keep the expression into which the mouth subsides until the desired effect in the camera is evident. If, on the other hand she wishes to assume a distinguished and somewhat noble bearing, not suggestive of sweetness, she should say 'Brush,' the result of which is infallible. If she wishes to make her mouth look small, she must say 'Flip,' but if her mouth is already too small and needs enlarging she must say 'cabbage.'

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Old People Should Use It.

There is nothing so certain in life as the weakness of old age. The young MAY need a tonic, but the old MUST use one. Old age, like youth, makes demands upon the blood for nourishment of the body, but loss of appetite and impaired digestion deprive the blood of the nutriment which should be its portion. Sound, unbroken sleep is as much needed in age as in youth, to repair waste tissues, but fortunate indeed is the elderly man and woman who can sleep soundly throughout the entire night. The enlarged volume of waste products, due to the increasing tissue-breakdown of old age, requires additional activity in the kidneys to eliminate them from the system and the kidneys of the aged are apt to be refractory.

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GLAD TO SEE YOU IN THE OFFICE HOW DO YOU LIKE THE NAME?

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—Being an interested reader of the *ADVOCATE* I decided to begin the New Year by writing a few lines to the "Western Wigwam". This is my first letter, but I hope it will not be the last.

I think "Western Wigwam" is a very suitable name for our little corner. There are a lot of nice letters written in it. I think "Phila Delphia" and "Oriole" write very interesting letters. "Oriole" is a schoolmate of mine. I will now make a few suggestions, though I guess I should not for the first time I write. Would it not be nice for you to get a little button or pin for the members? I think it would be interesting for some to write stories. I am sending a story I wrote in school. It is an imaginary story and I do not know whether the "West" is so wild or not. I am reading "The Golden Dog". I like it very well so far, yet I cannot think what it will be about, as I have only read the first two numbers with it.

We had a nice time at our Christmas Tree and got quite a few presents. It was very cold at New Year. It is very cold here now. For two or three days it was from forty to fifty below zero all the time.

I am a member of the "Legion of the West." My father has been into that office, and if ever I go in to Winnipeg, I would call and see you.

I would like to receive some post cards on my birthday, April twenty-second. I will be fourteen years old then. Wishing Cousin Dorothy and all the members a prosperous New Year and the Western Wigwam every success, I remain,

Man. (a) CANARY.

WON A WATCH AND TWO KNIVES

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I have been working hard for the *ADVOCATE* this winter. I have already got five subscribers, winning the watch and two knives. I am giving one to grandma; she thinks it is a great knife to have in the garden. She is a great gardener, and papa says she is just as good as Mr. Larcombe. I have been absent from school only one day since about March, 1908, and not one from Sunday School.

Our teacher is giving prizes for full arm movement in writing, neatness in scribbles, and the Honor Roll for the one that attended school the most regularly. I think it would take too long to write of all the books I have read, so I will close.

Yours truly,
WILLIE IVERACH.

(You are a fine worker Willie, just the kind of boy the *FARMER'S ADVOCATE* likes to get hold of. I use one of those knives, too, and though it is a little too large to look well on a lady's desk, I would not trade it off for a more fancy-looking one. Best wishes to grandma and her garden. C. D.)

A SHORT LETTER

Dear Cousin:—This is my second letter to your club. I think it would be good to get a button with the picture of an Indian's head on it.

I always rush to get the *ADVOCATE* first so that I may read the letters.

My father has taken the *ADVOCATE* for a long time.

Sask. (a) MARY WALKER.

P. S. Will some of the girls of my own correspond with me?

Dear Wigs:—I am going to join you if I may. I think the new name is simply splendid and I would like it if there were buttons. It would be nice if we could show our friends our nice button. I am a member of several other clubs. I am going to school and am in grade VIII. I am reading "The Golden Dog" and think it is nice. I read all the other stories. I think it would be nice to have contests in something and have them divided into sets according to ages, and a prize for the winner of each set.

Well, I will close wishing the paper success, which it has now, I guess.

Sask. (a) MAYBELLE WALKER.

(You will have to choose another name as we have one "Bluebell" already. C. D.)

WANTS A CORRESPONDENT

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I guess you will think I have forgotten the Wigwam. We have another little calf, all brown; her name is Brownie and she is two weeks old. I have been reading the letters of the corner and see that Ruby Garrioch says she will exchange postcards with anybody, so if she will send first, I will send her some of Lumsden. I would like to have some correspondent if some will write. I am sending a story for the corner which I hope the cousins will like. I have a little niece called Dorothy. She is ten months old and lives in Victoria. Time flies, so will I.

Sask. (a) A SOMERSET MAID. (14)

(Ruby cannot exchange postcards with you until you send your right name. You didn't think of that in time, did you? C. D.)

A FAITHFUL DOG

In Scotland there are many high hills, and the shepherds have much to do in looking after their flocks of sheep. One day a shepherd went to look after his sheep, but some of them had strayed far up the hills. Now the shepherd had a little child with him and it was only three years old. So he put the child down in a snug little place and left his dog to watch it. Away went the shepherd over the hills to find the sheep, but soon a thick fog came on and he lost his way. By and by he came to his house, but how to get his child he did not know, for he had forgotten the spot where he had left it. The shepherd called his friends together and they went to find the child, but could not find it. The poor shepherd and his wife cried bitterly all the night. In the morning, the dog was at the door, and they gave him a piece of bread. He did not eat it, but ran off as fast as he could with it. In the afternoon he came back. This time the shepherd followed him. After a long while he came to the child. Of course the good dog had given the child the bread he had gone away with.

A SOMERSET MAID.

TOO FAR FROM SCHOOL

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—My father takes the *FARMER'S ADVOCATE* and I like it very much. My mother reads the letters for me and I like them. My sister and I went to school for six

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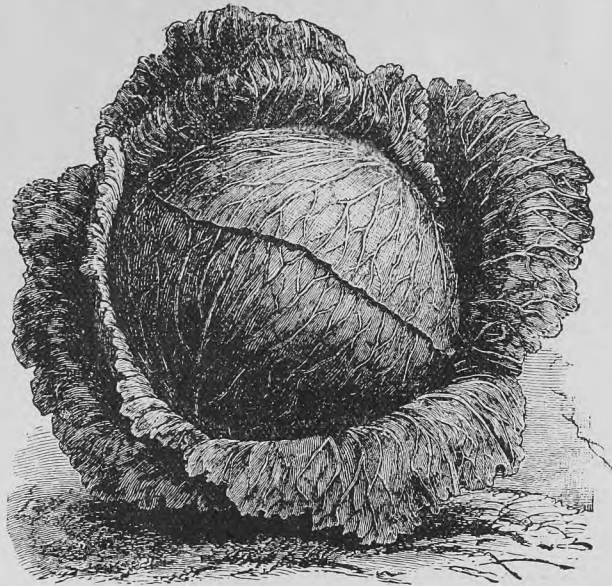
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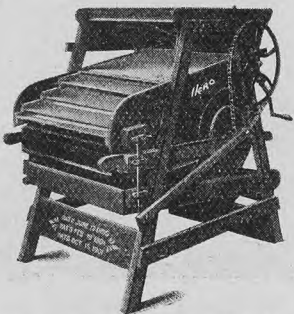
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months last year,—the first time we have gone to school. I have two sisters and one brother. We are six miles from school and we are twenty miles from town. I like to go to school very much. It is very cold here just now. I wrote this all myself. Your loving friend,

Sask. (a) EMMA DOWNIE. (11)

The Golden Dog

By WILLIAM KIRBY, F. R. S. C.

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Caroline, overcome by her emotions, threw herself on a couch, invoking blessings upon the head of the man by whom she had been so cruelly betrayed. But such is woman's heart—full of mercy, compassion, and pardon for every wrong, when love pleads for forgiveness.

"Ha! ha!" said Cadet, as the Intendant re-entered the great hall, which was filled with bacchanalian frenzy. "Ha! ha! His Excellency has proposed and been rejected! The fair lady has a will of her own and won't obey! Why, the Intendant looks as if he had come from Quintin Corentin, where nobody gets anything he wants!"

"Silence, Cadet! don't be a fool!" replied Bigot, impatiently, although in the Intendant's usual mood nothing too gross or too bad could be said in his presence but he could cap it with something worse.

"Fool, Bigot! It is you who have been the fool of a woman!" Cadet was privileged to say anything, and he never stinted his speech. "Confess, your Excellency! she is splay-footed as St. Pedaque of Dijon! She dare not trip over our carpet for fear of showing her big feet!"

Cadet's coarse remark excited the mirth of the Intendant. The influences of the great hall were more powerful than those of the secret chamber. He replied curtly, however—"I have excused the lady from coming, Cadet. She is ill, or she does not please to come, or she has a private fancy of her own to nurse—any reason is enough to excuse a lady, or for a gentleman to cease pressing her."

"Dear me!" muttered Cadet, "the wind blows fresh from a new quarter! It is easterly, and betokens a storm!" and with drunken gravity he commenced singing a hunting refrain of Louis XIV.:

"Sitot pu'il voit sa Chienne
Il quitte tout pour elle."

Bigot burst out into immoderate laughter. "Cadet," said he, "you are, when drunk, the greatest ruffian in Christendom, and the biggest knave when sober. Let the lady sleep in peace, while we drink ourselves blind in her honor. Bring in brandy, valets, and we will not look for day until midnight booms on the old clock of the Chateau."

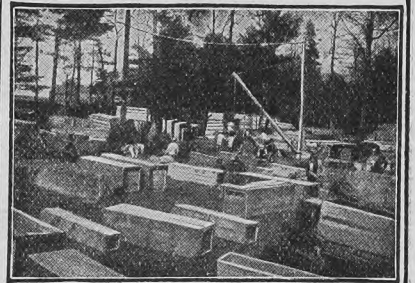
The loud knocking of Philibert in the great hall reverberated again and again through the house. Bigot bade the valets go see who disturbed the Chateau in that bold style.

"Let no one in!" added he—"tis against the rule to open the doors when the Grand Company are met for business! Take whips, valets, and scourge the insolent beggars away. Some miserable habitants, I warrant, whining, for the loss of their eggs and bacon taken by the King's purveyors!"

A servant returned with a card on a silver salver. "An officer in uniform waits to see your Excellency: he brings orders from the Governor," said he to the Intendant.

Bigot looked at the card with knitted brows; fire sparkled in his eyes as he read the name.

"Colonel Philibert!" exclaimed he, "Aid-de-Camp of the Governor! What the fiend brings him at such a time? Do you hear?" continued he, turning to Varin. "It is your friend from Louisbourg, who was going to put you in irons, and send you to France for trial when the mutinous garrison threatened to surrender the



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place if we did not pay them."

Varin was not so intoxicated but the name of Philibert roused his anger. He set his cup down with a bang upon the table. "I will not taste a drop more till he is gone," said he; "curse Gallissoniere's neck—could he not have selected a more welcome messenger to send to Beaumanoir? But I have got his name in my list of debtors, and he shall pay up one day for his insolence at Louisbourg."

"Tut, tut, shut up your books! you are too mercantile for gentlemen," replied Bigot. "The question is, shall we allow Colonel Philibert to bring his orders into the hall! Par Dieu! we are scarcely presentable!"

But whether presentable or no, the words were scarcely spoken, when, impatient at the delay, Philibert took advantage of the open door and entered the great hall. He stood in utter amazement for a moment at the scene of drunken riot which he beheld. The inflamed faces, the confusion of tongues, the disorder, filth, and stench of the prolonged debauch sickened him, while the sight of so many men of rank and high office revelling at such an hour raised a feeling of indignation which he had difficulty in keeping down while he delivered his message to the Intendant.

Bigot, however, was too shrewd to be wanting in politeness. "Welcome, Colonel Philibert," said he; "you are an unexpected guest, but a welcome one! Come and taste the hospitality of Beaumanoir before you deliver your message. Bustle, valets, bring fresh cups and the fullest carafes for Colonel Philibert."

"Thanks for your politeness, Chevalier! Your Excellency will please excuse me if I deliver my message at once. My time is not my own to-day, so I will not sit down. His Excellency the Governor desires your presence and that of the Royal Commissioners at the council of war this afternoon. Despatches have just arrived by the Fleur-de-Lis from home, and the council must assemble at once."

A red flush rested upon the brow of Philibert as in his mind he measured the important business of the council with the fitness of the men whom he summoned to attend it. He declined the offer of wine, and stepped backward from the table, with a bow to the Intendant and the company, and was about to depart, when a loud voice on the further side of the table cried out.—

"It is he, by all that is sacred! Pierre Philibert! wait!" Le Gardeur de Repentigny rushed like a storm through the hall, upsetting chairs and guests in his advance. He ran towards Colonel Philibert, who not recognizing the flushed face and disordered figure that greeted him, shrank back from his embrace.

"My God! do you not know me, Pierre?" exclaimed Le Gardeur, wounded to the quick by the astonished look of his friend. "I am Le Gardeur de Repentigny! O dear friend, look and recognize me!"

Philibert stood transfixed with surprise and pain, as if an arrow had stricken his eyes. "You! you Le Gardeur de Repentigny? It is impossible! Le Gardeur never looked like you—much less, was ever found among people like these!" The last words were rashly spoken, but fortunately not heard amid the hubbub in the hall, or Philibert's life might have paid the penalty from the excited guests.

"And yet it is true; Pierre, look at me again. I am no other than he whom you drew out of the St. Lawrence, the only brother of Amelie!"

Philibert looked hard in the eyes of Le Gardeur, and doubted no longer. He pressed his old friend to his heart, saying in a voice full of pathos,—

"O Le Gardeur! I recognize you now, but under what change of look and place! Often have I forsook our quiet home, but it was in your place, virtuous home of Tilly, not in this place. What do you here, Le Gardeur?"

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of meeting me here." Le Gardeur stood up like a new man in the glance of his friend; the shock seemed to have sobered him at once. "What do I do here?" say you, O dear friend!" said he, glancing round the hall, "it is easier seen than told what I do here. But by all the saints, I have finished here for today! You return to the city at once, Pierre?"

"At once, Le Gardeur. The Governor awaits my return."

"Then I will return with you. My dear aunt and sister are in the city. News of their arrival reached me here; my duty was to return at once, but the Intendant's wine-cups were too potent for me—curse them, for they have disgraced me in your eyes, Pierre, as well as my own!"

Philibert started at the information that Amelie was in the city. "Amelie in the city?" repeated he, with glad surprise, "I did not expect to be able to salute her and the noble Lady de Tilly so soon." His heart bounded in secret at the prospect of again seeing this fair girl, who had filled his thoughts for so many years and been the secret spring of so much that was noble and manly in his character.

(To be continued.)

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The illustrated story of the smut pest that has been running in the advertisements of the Standard Chemical Co. in these columns, showing the convincing statements of experimenters should do much toward increasing the use of formaldehyde for pickling wheat and oats. It is a significant fact that the percentage of grain rejected for smut decreased in 1908, while the sale of formaldehyde before seeding had an enormous increase. Surely there is some connection between these two facts. The man who has used formaldehyde without success should conclude that he has not given it a fair trial.

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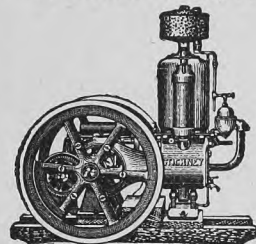
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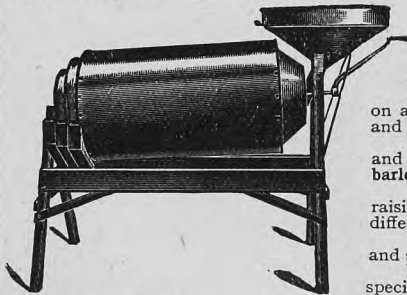
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GOSSIP

Clydesdale, Percheron and Hackney stallions are offered for the spring trade in this issue by Mr. F. J. Hassard, of Deloraine. Among the Clydesdales is First Baron, champion at Brandon last summer, and others are by such noted sires as Dunure Castle, Hiawatha, Lothian Again, Montrave Mac, Sir Thomas, and Sir Randolph. All these horses are of a serviceable age, being from 3 to 6, and were personally selected in Scotland by T. H. Hassard, an experienced importer of Markham. The Percherons and Hackneys are typical specimens of the breed and should find ready buyers at the prices they are being offered at.

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The Brandon Winter Fair and Live Stock Association will hold an auction sale of stock at the winter fair pavilion on March 13th, the day after the winter fair. All applications for entries should be addressed to Chas. Fraser, secretary, Brandon. A sale on that date has the advantage of the presence of a large number of interested breeders and farmers, and has the possibility of being made an annual affair of considerable importance to the live stock industry.

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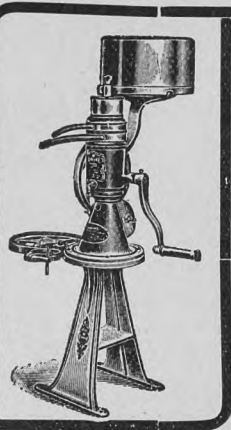
The biggest Hackney sale of the year is scheduled for March 9th at London, England. Two hundred registered Hackneys and a large consignment of harness horses will be put up at auction by those world-masters of sales, Techenor-Grand, the junior member of which firm learned his lessons in horse-dealing in deals with Ontario breeders. It will be a notable event and admirers of the model harness horses will have their innings.

A MODEL FARM FOR SALE

Western farmers will be interested in the announcement of Mr. Andrew Graham, of Pomeroy, Man., that his farm is for sale, and that he will offer at auction his entire stock of Shorthorns, Clydesdales and farm implements some time in June. No! this has nothing to do with the vacancy on the railway commission. Mr. Graham has decided to retire from farming for various personal reasons.

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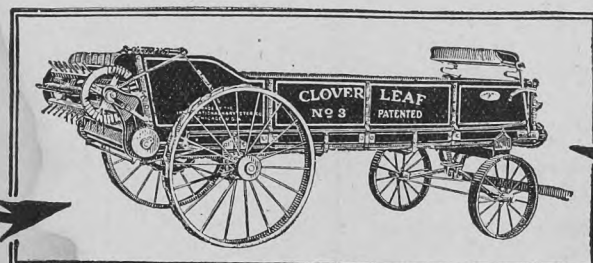
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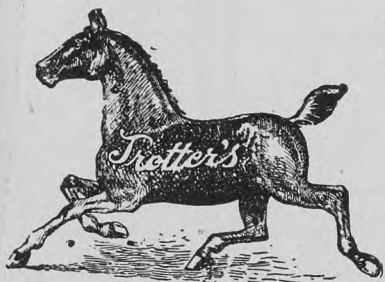
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SPRING MEETING OF SASKATCHEWAN STOCKMEN

Arrangements for the winter fair fat stock show, spring horse show and pure-bred cattle sale at Regina on March 23 to 26, are nearing completion. Entries for all departments close February 25th, so that intending exhibitors should not delay any longer entering. Entries up to date are more numerous, and, from all appearances, the event will be an interesting one.

An attempt is being made to give a more educational turn to the Regina winter fair. Each forenoon will be given up wholly to the discussion of live stock questions. These discussions will be led by some of the most prominent breeders of the Province and other leading authorities who have to do with the live stock industry in a public capacity. Problems affecting production and marketing of all classes of stock will receive consideration.

A Provincial stock-judging competition will also be held. In this competition there are two classes for young men who have won either first or second place at any competitions held in the Province in 1906, and also two classes open to any young men who wish to enter. Medals and cash prizes amounting to \$175.00 are offered for these competitions. Judging demonstrations will also be given on all classes of farm animals.

The annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Stock Breeders' Association will be held on the evening of the first day of the fair. On each of the other evenings, a public meeting will be held in the City Hall. At these meetings, the very best available men will speak on live stock or related subjects. A detailed programme is now in preparation and will be published shortly. Entries and enquiries should be forwarded to the secretary, Mr. John Bracken, Regina.

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Jos. M. Coombs, a pioneer of Prince Albert, who was a prisoner of Louis Riel at Old Fort Garry, died Jan. 26th. Coombs was born at London, Ont., and came west in 1868. He spent the winter at Qu'Appelle working for Mr. Farquharson, father of Lady Schultz. He returned to Winnipeg as a prisoner of Riel and saw Thomas Scot shot.

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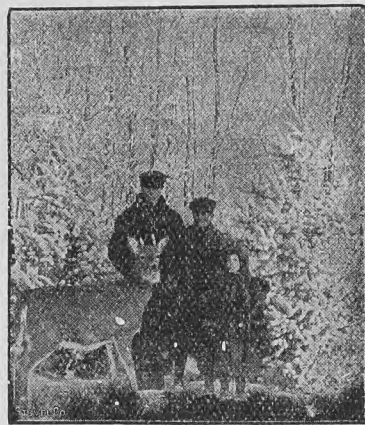
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2. If my neighbor has to keep his crop back 4 ft. and will not do it, and my cattle in reaching through to the grain, break the fence and get into his grain, can he collect damages?

3. If I have to keep in 8 ft. on my own land, and make the fence legal, and my cattle break out and get into my neighbor's grain, can he collect damages? (There is a herd law.) Please make plain what I should do to make my fence legal.

Sask.

A. M.

Ans.—1. You should put the line fence on the line, and your neighbor should not put his crop any nearer than 8 ft. to the fence.

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Alta.

J. T.

Ans.—As good a way as any to settle this matter would be for each of you to choose a neighbor, let those two name a third disinterested man, lay the whole case before them and abide by their decision. You have evidently attempted this, but failed to effect a settlement. This plan works well where both those concerned are anxious to reach an understanding, but in this case it looks as if the man who has the ten dollars does not care much whether a settlement is reached or not. If the facts are as you state them, it is our opinion that no charge should be made for the use of the horse in view of the fact that you were lending implements frequently to the man from whom you borrowed the



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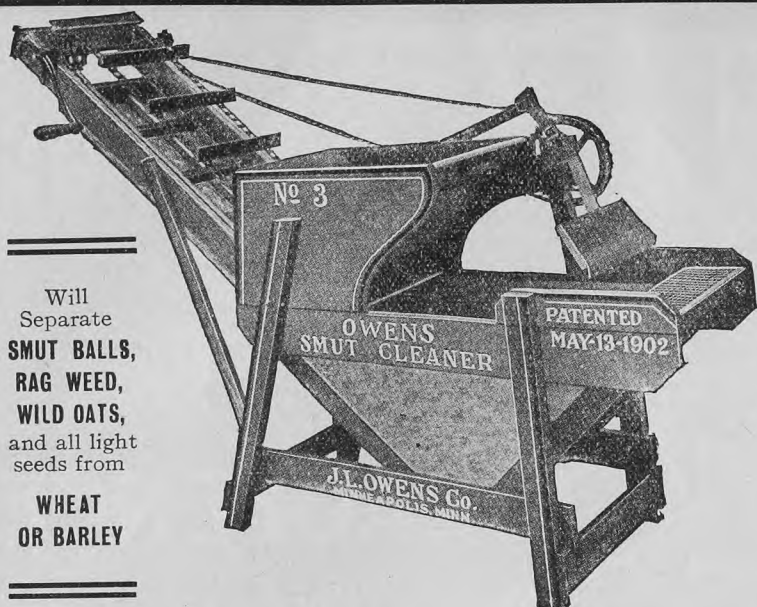
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3. If a road has been ploughed and cropped before local improvement district has been formed, can the Council claim damages for same?

Ans.—1. You would not be entitled to damages if trail was made around the slough through your crop with your permission.

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INDIGESTION AND PIN WORMS

1. Bronco gelding, 9 years old, stocks up badly in hind legs when standing. Hair is rough and stands up, seems depressed, but eats and drinks well. Has a small bite wound on shoulder which refuses to heal up.

2. In same horse and another, I have often noticed a white substance coming from the anus, that remains a day or so and then gradually disappears. What is the cause and remedy?

3. Can a man rely on any of the various stock foods advertised? If so what would you recommend?

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A. E. P.

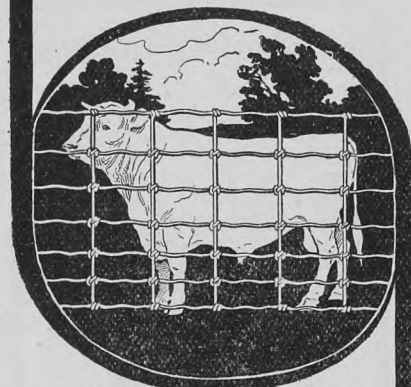
Ans.—1. Prepare this horse for a physic by feeding bran mash only for forty-eight hours. Then give a physic ball composed of Barbadoes aloes, from seven to nine drams (according to the size of the horse) powdered ginger one dram, soft soap sufficient to combine the ingredients. Roll up in a piece of soft paper and place well back on the tongue. Continue to feed mashes until he commences to purge, then give one-half his usual allowance of feed, increasing as the physic ceases to operate. You may now give this tonic powder in tablespoonful doses morning and evening mixed with damp feed: Powdered sulphate of iron 3 ounces, powdered gentian 4 ounces, powdered nux vomica 2 ounces, common salt 4 ounces, nitrate of potash 3 ounces.

2. The white substance seen around the anus may or may not indicate the presence of pin-worms. Frequently it is the accumulation of perspiration and dirt, when the remedy is a sponge and water. If pin-worms are present, you are likely to see them passed with the faeces. The treatment of these parasites is to inject well up into the rectum an infusion of quassia chips, made by soaking over night a half pound of the quassia in a gallon of cold water, inject about a pint of this with an injection pump, or, a piece of rubber hose and a funnel, twice a day for a few days, then follow with a physic.

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J. F.

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I have a mare which went lame about six weeks ago. She became lame very suddenly, and the only sign of trouble was some matter running just above the hoof in the small pastern on the right front foot. I applied a flax poultice. It has stopped running, but she still keeps lame. It looks as though it either had a sliver in it, or had been struck against a nail. A. L. T. Alta.

Ans.—Probably the bone has been injured by some penetrating object, such as a piece of wood or iron. If it were wood, and a piece became broken off in the wound, it will suppurate again. If it does discharge again, search must be made for a foreign body, which possibly may be a sliver. If found it must be extracted, and the wound syringed out several times a day with a weak carbolic solution. The part should then be dressed with iodoform, and a bandage applied. If, after the wound has healed, lameness continues, apply a blister of cantharides, 1 dram, and lard, 6 drams. Tie her head up for forty-eight hours. Then wash off the blister and smear the point with vaseline every three days. Repeat the blister in three weeks, if necessary.

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Ans.—Yes; we think the horse standing beside her has bitten her, not severely enough to break the skin, but enough to contuse the part and produce the condition you describe. The fluid you feel beneath the skin, and which causes the swelling, is either blood, or serum, from the bruised tissues. The swelling should be lanced at the most dependent part to allow the escape of the fluid, and the part dressed with an antiseptic; carbolic solution may be injected, and iodoform dusted on the wound externally. It may be necessary to foment the swelling with warm water.

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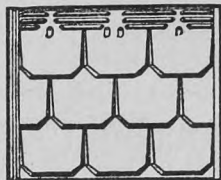
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Meesrs. M. J. and R. McLenehan, of Lenore, Man., have bought from Mr. O. Sorby, Guelph, Ont., the Clydesdale stallion, Evermore (13470), The Newton Stewart premium horse for 1908. Evermore is a grand horse of splendid style great weight, and substance, with rare good feet, legs, and ankles and first-rate movement. As a yearling he won first prize at Linlithgon, and as a two-year-old he was first at Falkirk, first at Stirling, and first at Bathgate. His all-round excellence, combined with the choicest blood, will commend him to those who want to breed first-class stock for show-yard or market. His sire is the renowned Everlasting. His dam, Darling, is a particularly good mare of fine breeding and quality and the winner of several prizes at the North of Scotland shows. Her sire, Prince of Carruchan, as is well known, has won many champion honors in his day.

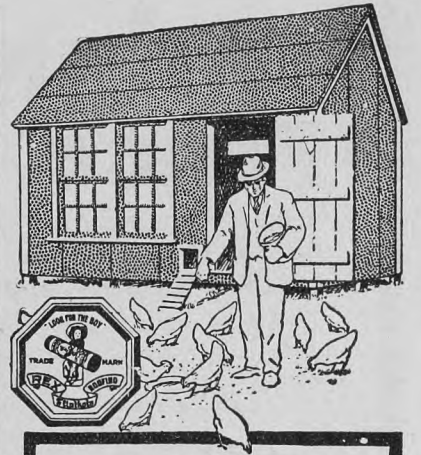
CLYDESDALE AND PERCHERON IMPORTATION

Mr. J. B. Hogate, Brandon shipped from Scotland last week along with a large number of Percherons, a number of beautifully-bred Clydesdale stallions. These included the well-known Baron Clyde (12023), which has been stud horse at Whitecross, East Kilbridge, for some years. He is full of choicest strains of blood, being got by Baron's Pride out of a full sister to the 1000 gs. mare Lady Louisa, by Prince of Wales. Others in the shipment were the fine-moving, handsome horse The Real Mackay (11968), by Hiawatha; Royal Orlando (13768), by Royal Favourite; Medallion (14271), by Silver Cup; Rockefeller (14561), by Kerr M., etc. These horses were sold by Mr. Alex. M. Simpson, Whitecross, East Kilbridge. During the previous week Mr. David Riddell, Blackhall, Paisley, sold five stallions to Mr. George Irvine, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. These were also horses of fine breeding. King's Baron (14179) was by champion Oyama's sire Baronson, out of a Prince of Carrachan mare; King's Challenger (14183) was by Kingsway, out of a mare by the Highland Society winner Good Gift; while King's Charter (14185) was by Golden Baron, out of a Carthusian mare. The other two, King Clyde (1487) and King Halbert (14198), were respectively by Carthusian and Luffness out of mares by Good Gift and Rosedale. These are thick, well-coloured horses, of the type which is popular in Canada.

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At the recent sales of Shorthorns at Toronto, Mr. P. M. Bredt, Regina, bought one of the best bulls offered, to head the "Golden West" herd of Shorthorns. This bull is Prime Favorite (imp.) 45214, and it kept Mr. Bredt bidding fast to save him from the Americans, for the benefit of our own West. Prime Favorite is a roan, calved March, 1902. He was bred by the late W. S. Marr, of Uppermill, and comes of the Princess Royals, one of Uppermill's best and most popular families. In 1907 Prime Favorite won the grand championship at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, and has proved himself one of the greatest stock-getters in Canada.

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The dam of Prime Favorite was Princess Royal 49th, by Sea King, of the Cruickshank Silvery tribe, by Gondomar, having Royal Duke of Gloster and Champion of England in his pedigree.

Mr. Bredt also bought a very choice two-year-old heifer at Miller Bros.' sale, called Village Girl, considered to be only second in quality and value to the \$2,500 Pleasant Valley Jilt, the sensation of the winter's sales in Ontario. It is also reported that Mr. Bredt has bought from Messrs. John Dryden & Son a yearling roan heifer, a very strong show proposition. Such additions will raise the general average of "Golden West" Shorthorns to the level of the best herds in the West, and eventually to the best in the Dominion.

THE PROGRESS OF EMPIRE

In the London "Graphic," of December 19th, 1908, appears a descriptive article, with illustrations regarding the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Pacific Coast terminal, Prince Rupert. The new trans-continental railway, which the Grand Trunk Pacific Company is building across Canada, is in operation now from Winnipeg to Wainwright, Alberta, a distance of 670 miles. When the 3,600 miles of railway are complete, from Prince Rupert to Halifax, Great Britain will be two days nearer her far-eastern possessions than she is by the shortest route today, and wheat fields in the Canadian central west, equal to four times the wheat area of the United States, will be open for settlement and the production of grain.

The building of the new trans-continental Canadian line has eclipsed any feat of railway engineering before attempted in America or the world. The "Prairie section" from Winnipeg to the mountains is being built in record-breaking time, and has the reputation of being the most substantially constructed stretch of road-bed in Western Canada. Work this year will be pushed vigorously in the mountain section, both from the coast and prairie ends. Trains will be running direct from Winnipeg to Edmonton by the end of August, and when the line is linked to the section stretching inland from Prince Rupert, and the government division east from Winnipeg to Monckton is complete, this country will have an all-Canadian rail route from ocean to ocean, and the Empire one other link that binds the homeland to her greater dominions beyond the seas.

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John A. Turner, of Balgreggan Stock Farm, Calgary, has of late been disposing of Clydesdale stallions and fillies very fast. Some of the recent sales that may be mentioned are: Lute Player, a good four-year-old stallion, along with an imported three-year-old filly go to H. N. Evans, of Pine Lake, Alta. An extra choice young yearling stallion, along with a beautiful Consul filly go to Thos. Gibson, Gleichen, Alta. Mr. Gilmour, of Pasqua, secured the

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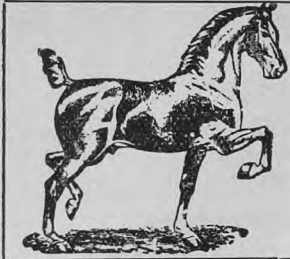
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celebrated mare, Polly Chattanooga. Mr. Gilmour purchased a few years ago from Mr. Turner, Magic, a full-brother to the renowned Revelanta. A nice imported Clydesdale colt goes to Mr. E. D. Adams, of the Pacific Cartage Co., Calgary. This horse is of good size and great quality; his dam is by the \$15,000.00 horse, Prince of Albion. The Full of Pride colt, Dalhousie, went to Mr. G. Limogues, of High River, also a colt of great scale. Mr. Frank Beddingfield, of High River, has secured two extra good stallions in Mont-trave Wisdom (a full-brother in blood to Ruby Pride), the Bute premium horse as a three-year-old, and stud horse to Mr. Wood, the breeder of Everlasting, last year. The other is Blacon Pride, an extra good show colt. These animals should further improve Mr. Beddingfield's bunch of good horses, and will assist Consul in his stud. Charming Prince, the celebrated show and breeding stallion, goes to Mr. Campion J. Dawson, of Cardston. He is the right stamp of a horse, and will do lots to popularize the ideal of a draft horse in that district. Mr. Duncan Clarke, of Crowfoot, was fortunate in securing the good show colt, Mainstay, by Ruby Pride. His influence is bound to be felt in this bunch of horses. Mr. Jones, of Calgary, secured Lord Mt. Stephen. He is a typical draft colt of great promise and action. Medallion, one of Mr. Turner's stock horses last year, has been sold to Messrs. Belway, Henning & Waines, of Springbank, Alta. They have got a right good breeding horse in him; he is a full-brother to Silver Cup, and should keep up the name of Springbank for good horses. He had the Hexham premium before Mr. Turner imported him.

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Mr. Wm. Hendrie, president of the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society, writes:

Editor, "Farmer's Advocate":

The usefulness of our society is everyday becoming more apparent, both to the owner and importer of Thoroughbred stock, as well as to the Dominion of Canada at large. Members of our society now extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and the past year of 1908 has shown in the matter of registration of stock at Ottawa, that the Thoroughbred Horse Society is only second to the Clydesdale Horse Society.

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A NEW NORTHERN FRUIT

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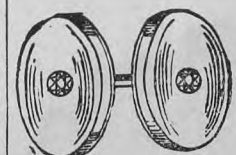
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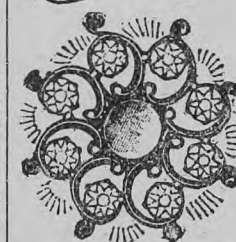
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tion in Winnipeg last year was one of
these plants, bearing a prodigious
quantity of fruit.

The Hippophae is a strong growing
shrub, with small foliage of a silvery
green color and yellow, minute flowers,
succeeded by bright orange colored
fruit. The fruit is larger than the cur-
rant and is easily picked. While it
might not be relished by every one, to
most people the fruit would be consid-
ered highly palatable and pleasant.
The shrub is dioecious in bloom, some of
the plants producing only male bloss-
oms and others only female blossoms.
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naturally had many letters from all
parts of the world on Suffolks and
Suffolk crossing, and I am now more
than ever convinced the Suffolk is the
best horse for the Canadian west.
That the general public should have
remarked about the way the Suffolk
blood showed up in the horses other
than the pure breeds at the recent
International Horse Show at Olympia
speaks for itself.

"My experience with Suffolks in
Canada is very favorable. We never
use blankets, never shoe our horses,
either when working summer or win-
ter, or travelling stallions. They
are easy keepers, stand the cold, and
being clean on the legs, are never
troubled with grease, etc. Thank
goodness, we have not to give an ex-
hibition of washing legs, drying
them, and using sawdust to be sure
they are dry, and then using rosin
before going into the show-ring. At
the last Calgary Spring Show I had
four stallions on show, all unshod. I
took them round the town on the
rough, uneven, frozen roads in the
morning, and in the afternoon took
them out in the mud—a demonstra-
tion which the practical Westerner
soon tumbled to. I have heard many
say, 'He wouldn't care to walk be-
hind and keep up to them all day on
the land.' I have yet to hear a man
say a bad word against a half-bred
Suffolk. I know one liveryman in
the West who has a prizewinning
team of Clydesdales and a half-bred
Suffolk team. The latter team is
300 lbs. the heaviest, although the
average man wouldn't believe it.
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the Suffolks he uses, not the Clydes-
dales; they are too slow.

"I have met several American
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speak very highly of them, especially
from a crossing point of view. I
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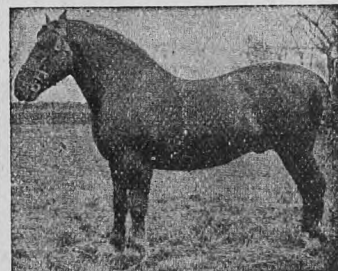
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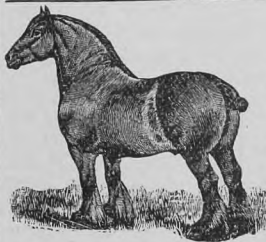
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cup good molasses (the dark cheap article will not do), $\frac{1}{2}$ cup white sugar boiled together until it hardens when dropped in cold water. Then add $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon soda, and after it has foamed well, pour it over the corn, stirring all the time so that each separate kernel will become coated with the candy. Peanuts may be added if liked, and we think them a great improvement. They should be scattered in during the mixing of the corn and candy. As soon as well mixed together, pack the mixture closely in shallow baking pans, so that it will be in good shape to cut in bars to serve. This is just as good in a week as when

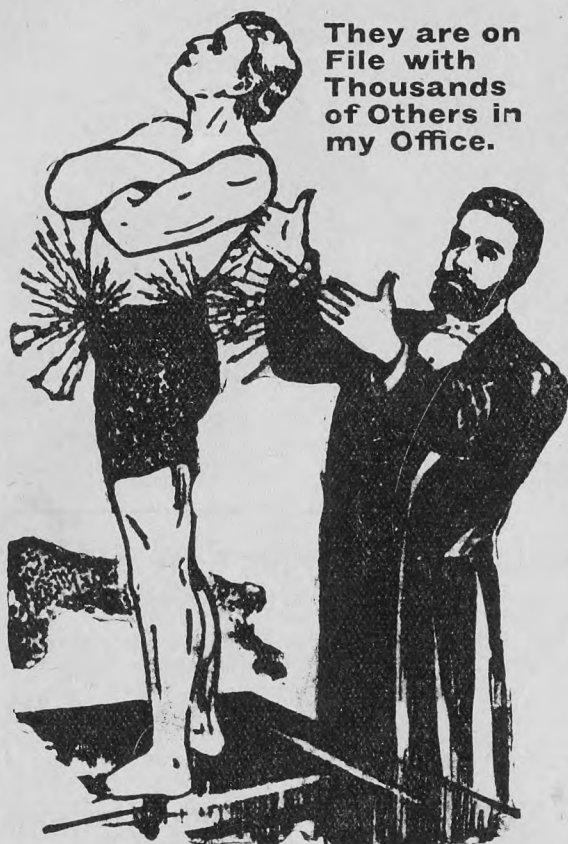
first made, if it is placed in a hot oven till dried out perfectly, often seeming even more crisp and tender than at first.

Egg Soup.—Put four tablespoonfuls of washed rice in a quart of good stock and simmer gently for twenty minutes, press through a sieve, return to the kettle; add a saltspoonful of pepper and half a teaspoonful of salt. Beat the yolk of two eggs; add a little of the hot soup, and then turn the mixture into the kettle. Stir for a moment, do not boil, take from the fire, and serve with large squares of toasted bread.

Rice and Currant Pudding.—Two

ounces of rice, two ounces of currants, one and a quarter pints of milk, one egg, one tablespoonful of castor sugar, one ounce of beef suet, and grated nutmeg to taste. **Method.**—Wash, drain, and blanch the rice. Then drain again, and cook it in the milk for ten minutes, add the currants and the sugar. Shred the suet or chop it finely and stir into the other ingredients, beat up the egg and add also, pour the mixture into a buttered pie dish, grate a little nutmeg on top and put the pudding in a slow oven to bake for about one and a half hours. The more slowly farinaceous puddings are baked the better the results will be.

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Riverside, Sask.

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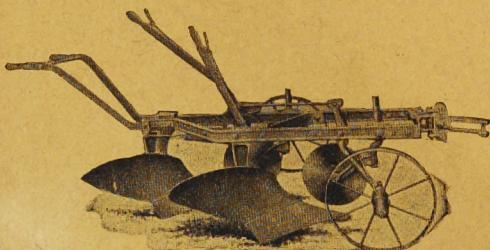
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USEFUL LITTLE OWLS

"There is a pair of little owls over in the tower of the Smithsonian Institution that raise a brood of young ones every year, feeding them almost exclusively on rats and mice," said James A. Rice. "This I learned from an attendance upon a hearing of the Committee on Agriculture of the House the other day. The committee was considering the agricultural appropriation bill and Dr. Merriam, chief of the Biological Survey, was being heard. He told the committee of the investigations that have been made by his bureau. These two little owls, he said, in the short time they have inhabited the tower of the Smithsonian have destroyed at least 1,900 mammals, including meadow mice, field mice, house mice and common rats."

An enormous whale has been captured on the coast of Catania and in its stomach was found the leg of a man with a shoe on the foot. The shoe indicated that it had been worn by an Italian sailor who probably was a victim of the great tidal wave following the earthquake of December 28.

Judge—"You are charged with burglary. How do you plead?"
Prisoner—"Not guilty boss; an' I'll tell yo' why. In de first place de chicken-coop doah wuzn't eben locked; in de secon' place dar wuz no burglar alarm; in de third place dar wuz no bulldog; an' in de fourf place dar wuz no steel traps. Now dat ain't burglary et all, boss; dat's jes' simply findin' chickens, an' I leabe it toe yo'self."

Here is the latest joke from the British metropolis: "The country visitor was doing London, and went to a well-known concert hall. He was particular to inquire the prices of seats, and the obliging attendant said, "Front seats, two shillings; back, one shilling; programmes, a penny." "Oh, well, then," blandly replied the countryman I'll sit on a programme."

Miss Charlotte Mansfield, an adventurous young authoress, sailed for Cape Town from London, Eng., with the intention of starting on a lonely tramp of 8,000 miles toward Cairo. Two thousand miles of the journey will be through the wilds of Central Africa. Miss Mansfield's only escort will be thirty native carriers. A Nairobi she expects to meet President Roosevelt.

Miss Mansfield is an athletic young woman, and although she has never been in Africa before, the journey, she says, has no terrors for her. She has tramped alone in several of the out-of-the-way districts of Europe. She is a good shot and expects to supply herself with fresh meat with the rifle. Otherwise her party will rely upon the resources of the country, corn, rice, mealies and fruit.

A CONFESSION

Perhaps it's just affinity,
Perhaps it's something higher,
But I for one am free to say
I dearly love a Liar.

I love the Liar who declares
He buys my books by dozens,
And sends them off as Xmas gifts
To all his country cousins.

I love the Liar who remarks:
"We missed you at the meeting;
No voice like yours to give a toast
Or speak the speech of greeting."

I love the Liar when he swears
He knows a pretty woman
Who wants to meet me very much,
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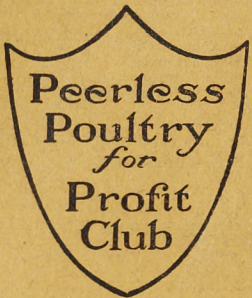
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You will never realize what big money there is in this department of your farm until you start raising poultry right.

It has been estimated by an authority that the value of the table-poultry and eggs produced by Canadian farmers during the year 1908 amounted to \$25,750,000.

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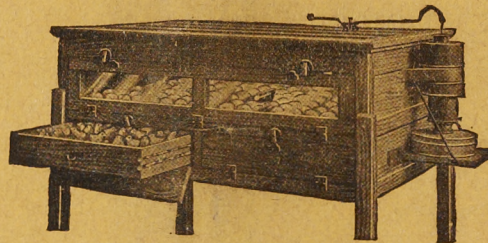
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**Professor
A. G. Gilbert**

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